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By Elaine Wilson

The second Joint School Council Meeting in as many months packed connecting classrooms at Westglen School last Tuesday.

Most of those attending wanted to know what action would be taken to deal with perceived overcrowding at Westglen and under usage at Didsbury High

On hand to act as a resource source was Ed Yates, the consultant who authored the Facilities Master Plan released by the Chinook's Edge school board last

A source of major controversy in Didsbury, Yates' two sugges-tions for managing the inequity were to either switch the entire student population between DHS and Westglen schools, or remove the Grade 8 students and relo-cate them to the high school.

Those attending the Decem ber 10, 1996 Joint School Council meeting left with the impression that the decision was to be made before they had a chance to dis-cuss the issue in detail, leaving no opportunity for input.

However, Bill Hoppins opened the January 14 meeting by addressing and allaying those concerns.

Hoppins said the Maintenance Committee will hold off making a final decision on the matter pend-ing formation of and analysis by a

Didsbury Futures Committee.
Yates explained that while he was the author of the report, he incorporated a multitude of considerations before submitting his findings and suggestions.

"I have a lot of information given to me by people that I have brought on board," relating that his initial tour of Westglen took place on April 3, "You have to understand that when I come into the jurisdiction and prepare the study, I'm not here with any motives or any baggage relating to the politics of the jurisdiction. My main interest is to enhance the facilities [in order to] better deliver the program and to address the health and safety codes and the comfort level for the children because we know there's a correlation between that and

A discussion of "comfort lev-els" ensued as W ensued, as Westglen administrators are currently working to correct an air flow problem that is particularly noticeable in

the mezzanine classroom areas. This led into another discus sion revolving around safety codes and considerations

Yates advised that fire codes ere not met by the current egress structure, and that the mezza-nine areas were never meant to

be used as full time classrooms. Yates reminded those gathered that fire codes must be addressed, and while he could not speak for the building inspeche believed alterations bringing the mezzanine exits up to code were feasible.

Regardless, the issue of usag for the mezzanine area as a full time classroom with air flow problems and insurance liability sues in the event of a fire calamity remained to be dealt with.

Parents wanted assurance that their children were safe, and Principal Phil Corning responded by saying that in timed fire drills, the school is emptied within 45

Yates said that a request by Corning to bring in portable structures would not be allowed by Alberta Education, who look at neighboring schools' student population level before granting such a request. As DHS is operating at just over the 50 per cent capacity mark, the request for portables would be auto-matically denied.

capacity rating for

Westglen was briefly discussed, as conflicting figures were presented.

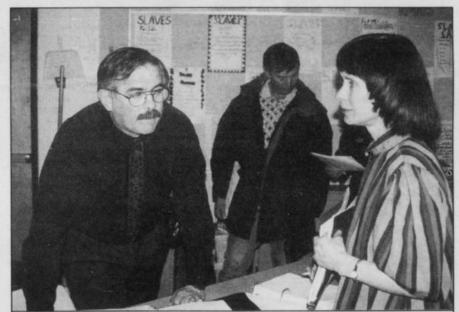
One parent stood and sugsted that rather than quibbling over numbers, it might be more constructive to discuss ways and means to gain control of the situation without provoking major disruptions.

parent from the DHS council inquired about the posconstructing a new sibility of

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Ed Yates



DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES

Chinook's Edge Assistant Superintendent Bill Hoppins (left) and trustee Deb Cousins were on hand to answer questions at the January 14 Joint School Council Meeting held at Westglen.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Update from Health

Of key concern to local employees and residents from Didsbury and the surrounding area is the manner in which proposed scaling down of services at the Didsbury Health Service facility will affect hospital staff, opera-

tions and future programming.

Asked to address these concerns directly, Doreen McKinnon, V.P., Health Services for Health Authority

#5 responded with the following report.

"Further to your fax of January 9, 1997 I wish to respond to your questions.

Program changes in Didsbury: Continuing Care Bed Reductions from 100 to 80

Since this change was approved in last year's Business Plan, Administration has been working toward this goal for some time. The target for number of residents in Continuing Care has been reached and along with this, staff hours have been reduced when opportunities arose, e.g. positions were not filled if staff resigned. As a result of this planning, it is anticipated there will be minimal changes from existing staff hours, however, the final changes are not finalized. There will be some changes in location for certain types of residents are being cared for within the existing facility, therefore there will be some staff movement. Didsbury nursing staff are unionized and therefore in accordance with the collective agreement, staff may be displaced by other staff when the changes occur. This may result in some alteration of hours for some staff.

Orthopedic and Podiatry Surgery Program: HA5 Board has approved the continuation of these programs for HA5 residents and surrounding areas Since the majority of people served by this program do not fall within our geographic area, it will be up to the surgeons (from Calgary) who do these procedures to determine whether they wish to continue. One Orthopedic procedure which is much more costly to be carried

out in Didsbury than Calgary will be discontinued.

More extensive programs for Didsbury:

The three-year Business Plan and budgets for the egion are presently being worked on. Program delivery is being reviewed from a regional perspective. It is too soon to comment on programs to be established specifically for any one district in the region."

New doctor coming to **Didsbury**

Dr. Scott Holder is

coming to town. His decision to practice in Didsbury was announced less than a week after the

ary 15, 1997 Review announced that "Finding a doctor [was] st a matter of time

Dr. Ahmad said that Holder, who took his medical schooling in Calgary recently returned home from three years of practice in the United States. Ahmad also said that Holder had previously done Locum work in Didsbury and is familiar with the

town and the area.

Holder will join the College Green medical staff on February

Ahmad noted that, in addition to Holder, another doctor is currently being sought to practice in town, which will bring the total of local practising physicians in Didsbury to four.

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Parkland takes first step

By Elaine Wilson

Regional library funding through the Wolf Creek, Battle River and Chinook's Edge school boards will cease at the end of the current year.

Didsbury, which is within Chinook's Edge School board boundaries is currently served municipally by the Parkland Regional Library system. In order to maintain this service, restructuring and redefining overall service and related

funding must be addressed.

The first step in sorting out a new system will take place in the form of a meeting in Lacombe on February first.

Lacombe on February first.

Margaret Law, Parkland Regional Library director, said that while the prospect of redefining and redesigning the service from the ground up was a daunting prospect, the restructuring process afforded a host of both challenges and opportunities for everyone involved.

"Until the end of 1997 everybody gets the same service they've always had, and the school board pays 100 per cent of the membership fee," Law said, explaining that the existing agreements conclude as of January 1, 1998.

"What we've decided to do is form a series of working groups to address the issues that are pertinent for [each affected group- e.g. municipal and county councils, public, school and college libraries, school boards etc.]," Law said.

The working groups will conduct a needs assessment with their stakeholders and deal with budget issues, Law said, adding that input from all interested parties would be welcomed.

Around 50 municipal councils have been invited to become involved in the process.

"We're going to say to them, you, from among yourselves, decide how you want your steering committee to be structured" Law said

tured," Law said.

"This is a really exciting opportunity for us. This is something no other regional library has ever tried to do. I'm hoping that councils like Olds, that had so many concerns last year, are going to take a very active role in this restructuring. The Didsbury Library Board was quite active, and I think that different communities [embody] different cultures and they take different roles."

The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday February 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lacombe Memorial Centre (5214 - 50 Avenue in Lacombe).

Task force formed

Ry Flaine Wilson

The communities of Cremona, Carstairs (and even Crossfield, which is outside the boundaries of the local Health Region #5) have expressed concerns about proposed changes in provision of services at the Didsbury hospital.

Representatives from Didsbury, with support from surrounding communities, travelled with MLA Roy Brassard to Edmonton last Tuesday to meet with the Minister of Health to discuss related issues.

Following the meeting, it was decided to form a Task Force, comprised of representatives from the Towns of Didsbury and Carstairs, the Village of Cremona, The County of Mountain View, and three additional members (two from the former local hospital board and one citizen at large). Other members may be added as the Task Force completes their organization process.

Coordinator Bill Cowan said the Task Force hopes to meet with the Health Region Five regional board in the very near future.

"We're determined and prepared to go as far as we can possibly go to see that things are kept on an even keel here," Cowan said.

MLA Roy Brassard said he does not wish to impede the work of the Task Force and has correspondingly set back the date for a proposed "town hall" type of meeting to the beginning of March.

Brassard hopes to assemble a collective meeting with Health Region #5 board members, Task Force members, and all interested individuals who wish to be fully appraised of plans for the future direction of Didsbury District Health Services.

Brassard said announcements would be forthcoming shortly regarding date and location of the meeting.



CHOCOLATE 'CHIPS' AND CHOICES

Grant Mitchell, Alberta Liberal Leader of the Opposition attended the acclamation of local Liberal candidate, David Herbert in Olds last Thursday. The event took the form of a fund-raiser dubbed "Death By Chocolate" and attendees had an opportunity to ask questions of both Liberal representatives at the gathering which was held in the Olds Evergreen Centre.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

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gymnasium.

Another parent suggested that the population dispersement issue was the primary issue, sparking a brief discussion as to how individual school needs were, in fact, related in the eyes of Alberta Education.

The formation of a Futures Committee to incorporate the views and input of representatives throughout the committee was initially received as introduction of yet another layer of bureaucracy. At this point, one frustrated parent who said she'd already attended several meetings to discuss "The Grade 8 issue" and had yet to be allowed to do so.

Meeting chair Bill Blakely explained that many issues arising from the decisions made would impact the entire community and that, once established, the Futures Committee could effectively deal with issues not even referenced to date.

The first meeting of the fledgling Didsbury Futures Committee was scheduled for January 21.

Another parent expressed concern that after agreeing to serve as a committee member, and putting in what promised to be considerable time and effort on the committee and community's behalf, what guarantees did the prospective Futures Committee members have that

the school board would not simply institute whatever changes they saw fit, ignoring the proposals submitted by the Futures Committee.

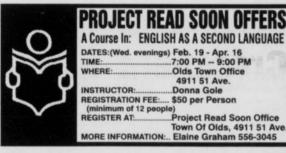
DHS School Council Chair Cal Ausenhaus said he would be the first to resign if the committee's proposals were completely disregarded, but suggested the avenue be explored in any event.

At time of writing, 22 individuals had agreed to sit on the Didsbury Futures Committee.

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CUPE President speaks out

Regional Health Authorities have "no vision"

By Terry Mutton, President CUPE, Alberta Division

Mr. Klein has finally admitted what health care workers and academics have been saying for several years: there is no plan vision in place for health care. He has admitted that his government has been lying every time a Minister told us that cuts to funding were based on a health care strategy. The Ministers responsible for carrying these lies to the public really have been put in an untenable position and surely must resign. Mr. Klein has under-mined their credibility as Ministers of the Crown.

What Mr. Klein has yet to admit however, is that his govern-ment was less than candid about the state of public expenditures in 1993. In fact, he is still repeating his election chant that expenditures were "literally going through the roof". This is simply not the case

Economists have shown clearly that before Mr. Klein's election, program expenditures were already trending down rapidly, not going through the roof as Klein nsists. In fact, in 1991-92, Alberta spent less per capita than the average Canadian province.

(Prof. McMillan, U. of A., 1996) Further, Mr. Klein has yet to be honest about the cause of the deficit. He has yet to admit that expenditures on programs like health care and education were never out of control or responsible for the deficit. Even the Royal Bank recognized that the length and depth of Canada's recession in the late 1980's and early 1990's were due to the Bank of Canada's insanely "restrictive monetary policy". (May 1996)

It was a deep recession, made worse by the Bank of Canada's high interest policies in the

1980's, that spiralled Canadian deficits. This policy simultane-ously killed jobs and hence also ensured that tax revenues would always fall short of expectations.

Mr. Klein's failure to provide leadership in health care is now compounded by his refusal to accept responsibility for the actions of his regional health authorities. He now blames these health authorities which are now going off in different directions for his failure to have a province-wide vision of health care.

But this has occurred precisely because there was no provincial strategy beyond slash and burn. Faced with uneven and inadequate funding and no vision, health authorities have had to meet budgetary and not health care targets.

But what is more important now is whether we can trust Mr. Klein to impose a provincial vision on his health authorities? This seems doubtful because despite Mr. Klein's confession, he still refuses to listen to critics who he now indirectly admits actually had it right all along. Instead he is content to label them as representatives of self interest groups I guess all those line-ups of big Tory contributors for handouts, contracts and appointments, are actually in the public's interest, not their own.

Although I appreciate Mr. Klein's candour, especially when he is out of the direct reach of his handlers, why should we now believe anything his government says about health care, education, seniors benefits or social assist-

Admitting to a policy mistake is one thing, but confessing to lying to the public while still refusing to accept responsibility, is quite another



PARTY FAITHFUL TURN OUT FOR THOMPSON

Attendance was low at Myron Thompson's town hall meeting in Olds last Thursday. Meeting organizers said all members had received telephone reminder calls to attend, but Thompson said Reformer members could not afford complacency, urging all in attendance to become informed on the issues of the day.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

CWNG rate increase approved

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board has approved an interim increase requested by Canadian Western Natural Gas. The adjusted amount of \$2.789 per gigajoule (GJ) will be in effect from January 16 to March 31, 1997.

Canadian Western pays suppliers for natural gas purchased on behalf of customers, then recove

those costs from customers. Gas costs are recovered from customers without mark up or additional charges. Canadian Western does not profit or benefit from changes in gas costs. With the increased amount, a typical Canadian Western residential customer using 150 GJ annually will pay approximately \$81 more for natural gas service in 1997.

Thompson voices opinion

"Liberals bungle, Mulroney wins, taxpayers lose"

Reform Deputy Justice Critic Myron Thompson says he is dis-gusted that Canadian taxpayers will be stuck footing the multimillion dollar bill for the Liber-als' mismanagement of the Brian Mulroney Airbus affair.

"The Liberals may think they've dodged the bullet with their out-of-court settlement with Brian Mulroney, but now is the time for some political accountsaid Thompson, in response to Monday's announce-ment by the federal government that it will issue a full publicized apology to Mr. Mulroney as well as pay his legal bills, estimated at more than one million dollars

Thompson said Justice Minis-ter Allan Rock has yet to explain how a Justice Department letter referring to the "criminal activity of a former prime minister" was sent to Swiss authorities without his knowledge. To date, Mr. Rock's defence has been to say that such letters are standard practice.

"To reach an out of court settlement the night before the trial is nothing more than political manoeuvring to get the Justice Minister off the hook for his department's complete mishandling of this matter.

"Clearly, the Liberals want to place blame entirely at the feet of the RCMP and they are deathly afraid of answering any questions about their own role in the Airbus affair. It is no coincidence that this deal was reached less than 24 hours before the Justice Minister and those close to the Prime Minister were scheduled appear in court,"

Thompson.
"It's clear to me that the government's mishandling of the Airbus investigation represents a growing pattern of misrepresentation at the highest levels of this Liberal government. Their un-willingness to accept any political responsibility leads us to believe there is a definite absence of ac countability within the federal cabinet.

Whether it's the Prime Minister's imaginary homeless friend, the GST fraud, or the Airbus fiasco, this government seems to be all too eager to hide behind half-truths and parliamentary procedures. Even worse, they now appear to be on the same playing field as the Tories when it comes to honesty and credibility," concluded Thompson.

Preston Manning coming to Crossfield

By Linda Toews

On January 24, the leader of the Reform Party of Canada, Preston Manning, will be the guest speaker at Wild Rose Reform Constituency's Annual Fundraiser. This event was postponed from November 14 due to the sudden winter storm that day. In addition to Preston Manning and Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson, Wild Rose Reform Constituency's "Black Hole Theory" will feature a meal menu and numerous attractions including door prizes, a si-lent auction, an expose of a few of Ottawa follies, and Wild Rose's own version of the Tax Dollar Black Hole in Ottawa.

The event will take place January 24 at Crossfield Town Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are available from any director of Wild Rose Constituency or from Alan Wilson, R.R. 2, Carstairs, TOM 0N0, phone 337-2216.

All tickets from November 14 will be honored. Ticketholders who are unable to attend on the new date may transfer the ticket or call one of the above officers.

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Onward and upward



Two weeks from this issue will mark the beginning of my second year as editor of a publication I am very proud to be associated with.

know how fortunate I am to be working with a crew who have no qualms about experimenting with fresh ideas and approaches in order

to make a good thing better. Getting right into the spirit of things, I recall saying something about enhancing the look of the paper shortly after coming on board with the Review team...

The good news is, some of what I visualized proved easy to execute.

The bad news is, I spend a lot of time hanging out in the same venues frequented by politicians. A dangerous crowd, that. A person can pick up some bad habits in the promise-breaking department if one isn't careful. I decided it might be a good idea to review the Review,

as it were, gauging how close to the mark I came in the "living up to promised improvements" department...

"Effective presentation of a newspaper's content re-lies heavily on its appearance," I said in a February, 1996 editorial, apparently absorbed by the notion of leading the pack in stating the patently obvious.

But having made the statement, I acknowledged a bit of

follow through would prove educational if nothing else.

We shrunk the page four cartoon to make more room for local editorials. I soon discovered what a challenge it can be to coax and convince a talented (but stubbornly reluctant) ensemble of local writers that what they felt and thought did and does matter; that what they wrote would be read, discussed and dissected.

We shifted to a more intensive and sweeping coverage of local issues and happenings, training our focus and enthusiasm on what Didsburians are up to or wondering about

It didn't take very long for me to discover that Didsbury is bustling with activity. I could race around from morning 'til the wee hours and still not catch it all. (It's fun to try, though.)

At the production level, the Review staff (and one or two startled individuals snagged from the Contemporary Graphics stable) tackled a new target: color.

The technical journey of evolution in the process of printing in color has been fascinating to say the least. I'm still working on developing that practised eye capa-ble of effortlessly capturing images that jump off the page. And I admit that I still find the announcement: 'Next week will be a color issue," just a tad unsettling. And the process is never ending.

By the end of 1997, we'll be a few more steps down the

road

it's definitely more expedient It strikes me that to head out to the overpass and head straight (literally) down the Number 2 Highway to your destination. But while the view may be comfortable and familiar, it's dead boring.

Every so often in 1997 we're going to travel through uncharted territory.

There's no travel guide on this journey, but to continue a tradition initiated in 1996 I'll conclude with another ultra-obvious maxim:

Just because the road starts off a little bumpy doesn't mean it won't lead to some place worth visiting.

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Let's talk taxes

1997: A taxing year

By Mitchel Gray Research and Policy Director,

Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Old acquaintance, as the song goes, may be forgot, but 1997's tax changes are sure to stick with you throughout the year. Here's a sampling of some new adjustments you'll be forced to get acquainted with in the coming

Canada Pension Plan contributions: As of January 1, the CPP's contribution rate rises to 5.85 per cent of individual earnings from this year's 5.6 per cent. That translates into a maximum tax increase of \$104 per employer and employee. If that isn't enough to put a lemon in your holiday punch, then consider this: the federal and provincial governments are conspiring to bump the CPP rate yet again in '97. As it stands now, the plan is to raise contribution rates from the new level of 5.85 per cent to a whopping 10 per cent of earnings. The average taxpayer and his or her employer will be hit with a \$722 increase in annual CPP taxes.

This \$10 billion tax grab would be the largest single increase in

Canadian history.

When Paul Martin announced his "new" GST plan (to be implemented on April fool's day, 1997), he issued a document that claimed "Harmonization will mean lower taxes for consumers in the three harmonizing provinces." Poppycock! As admitted by the government of Nova Scotia (one of the three rovinces that signed on to the BST or blended sales tax), consumers in that province will end up forking out an extra \$84 million a year on purchases. For the average Nova Scotia family, that works out to \$172 more in taxes. Those with a family income of over \$50,000 can expect to pay \$335 more a year. But it's not just Atlantic Canadians who'll be paying for the BST. In 1997, taxpayers in every province outside the Maritimes will be doling out \$349 million of a four year \$1 billion bribe used by Ottawa to persuade the three harmonizing provinces to subscribe to the BST In essence, Albertans, Ontarians, etc. will be paying provincial sales

tax in the three harmonizing provinces without ever having purchased any goods or service Atlantic Canada.

If you're a business immigrant or a boat owner (or both), you can expect to pay more in fees in 1997 than you did last year. Starting January 2, business applicants who want permanent residence in Canada will see the fee rise to \$1,000 from \$825.

This year's interest rate on overdue taxes has been set at 8 per cent. Anyone who owes Ottawa back-taxes will have to shell out for this hefty interest rate for the period January 1 to March 31, 1997. Of course, if Ottawa owes you money you'll only receive 6 per cent interest on your overpayment or refund.

Now if these tax changes don't exactly appeal to you, you might want to think about adding another new year's resolution to your list. How about calling or writing your MP to tell them what you think about increasing taxes and your ever shrinking after-tax income? If may just be the most profitable resolution you'll ever

Buying

By Peter Holle, President The Prairie Agricultural Centre

A week before Christmas, federal Minister of Agriculture Ralph Goodale seemed to pop a present under the tree for prairie wheat and barley growers. He announced a "new" \$105 million subsidy, the "Freight Cost Pooling Program", to defray higher

freight charges.

Now hold on a minute, you think. Was that the same subsidy that was canceled August 1, 1995? The Crow subsidy? Wasn't it eliminated because it has harmful effects on the prairie economy?

Those negative effects are well documented. Since the subsidy applied only to moving raw grain, destroyed the milling and processing industry in Western Canada. Remember the box car shortage? In the best Soviet tradition, railways sent train loads of grain thousands of extra kilometres to Thunder Bay and back in order to qualify for Crow payments.

As a nation, we've made a commitment under both GATT and NAFTA to eventually eliminate agricultural subsidies. Yet, with record production and falling wheat prices, the European Union has already jacked up crop supports this year, and another

round of mutually destructive subsidy competition" now looms.

The Europeans offer higher levels of support to their farm sector, about \$10,000 per farmer in 1995, compared to Canada's \$15,200. That's why agriculture there is so inefficient. Australia only pays out about \$3,400 per farm, and New Zealand less than a \$1,000, and their farmers are doing quite nicely.

Ralph's "new" program is not as expensive as the Crow rate, which paid out \$540 million a year. But wasn't the assistance it offers already covereed by a lumpsum, one-time transitional pay ment to farmers in the range of \$1.7 billion? Why do they need more?

They don't. Farm incomes this year will reach an historic high. Cash receipts in the first three months of 1996 reached \$21.4 billion in Canada, 10 per cent higher than last year. Implement dealers across the prairies are rack ing up big sales, as farmers, flush with cash, make long-postponed purchases.
Which makes the "new" pro-

gram a mighty suspicious character. A second look, and you find that it's not a new program at all. It's part of the \$1.7 billion already

Why did Ralph dream this new

look for old clothes?

Two reasons come to mind. First, we're in the run-up to a federal election, and the Liberal Party would love to win more seats in the West. In rural areas, Liberal candidates have a big handicap to overcome, the embarrassingly inept gun control leg-islation. So appearing to toss a little advance seed money into the election can't hurt. It might even help.

The "new" program will also give Ralph the opportunity to counter criticism about playing favorites in the subsidy shell game. Although the Crow Rate disappeared, he kept in place enormous protection for the dairy and poultry industries in Quebec. Now he can prove again that he's help-

ing everybody out.

The second possibility is a little more devious.

After spending millions on the Western Grain Marketing Panel, Ralph broke his word and refused to accept its recommendations. One of those called for removing the Wheat Board monopoly on barley marketing inside Canada. Instead, the minister scheduled a grower plebiscite in February to decide the issue.

All along, Ralph Goodale has staked his political life on pre-

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World Wildlife Fund For Nature on "prairie pests"

In April 1996, Alberta MLA Roy Brassard publicly advocated the complete elimination from the province of Richardson's ground quirrels, known colloquially, though incorrectly, as "gophers." While his is by no means a universal view, attempts to exterminate wildlife perceived to be agricultural pests have been quite common on the prairies. The ground squirrel is just one example of a native prairie species that has suffered directly or indirectly from wildlife control efforts. Others include the borrowing owl, ferruginous hawk, swift fox, and the black-footed ferret, all of which have been designated by COSEWIC on Canada's List of Wildlife at Risk.

So-called "pest" species have an important place in the prairie

ecosystem. For instance, Richardson's ground squirrels, along with black-tailed prairie dogs, badg-ers, red foxes and coyotes, dig and maintain the burrows that are used for nesting by endangered burrowing owls. Without these "excavators" the borrowing owl would be homeless. These species also play an important role in foodwebs. The ferruginous hawk, listed as vulnerable, relies primarily on ground squirrels and prai-

rie dogs for food. In addition to their ecological costs, the validity and practical-ity of control efforts have also been called into question. According to Dr. Gail Michener, biologist at the University of Lethbridge and an expert on the Richardson's ground squirrel, Farmers may sometimes be spending more time, effort, and money killing ground squirrels than they actually lose to damage

caused by this species."

Some wildlife species are inadvertent victims of pest control programs. The swift fox disap-peared from the Canadian prairies in the late 1930s, as a result of shooting, trapping and poisoning campaigns against predators. The swift fox now has a small popula-tion on the Saskatchewan/Alberta border, thanks to intensive captive-breeding and reintroducion efforts by the Cochrane Ecological Institute and support by both governments and non-governmental organizations, including WWF. Despite the financial costs of reintroduction and widespread support for restoring this species to its original habitat, swift foxes continue to be inadvertently killed by poisons laid out to control covotes. In addition to the expense of control programs, the effective-ness of some of these programs is also suspect. Some targeted species, such as the coyote, continue to survive while other wildlife species, such as the swift fox, suffer and decline. Building a better

understanding of the role that all species play in the prairie ecosy tem is a key step in securing their protection.

Sarah Climenhaga Endangered Species Coordinator for World Wildlife Fund Canada

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serving the government monopoly's iron grip on western Canada's wheat and barley marketing (farmers outside the west can market where they choose). After travelling to hell and back to defend the indefensible, it's very important to him that his narrow view prevail in this matter. He's already under attack for using tax dollars to print up pro-monopoly rationalizations to sway

opinions in the plebiscite cam-

So it's no surprise that the feds will pull out all the stops to make sure that these votes go their way

Does Ralph Goodale think the farm vote is for sale? That might explain why he feels it necessary to offer farmers the same help they were already promised, and call it something new

Government priorities questioned

Dear Editor:

After watching the news on Calgary and Edmonton T.V. stations I was very disturbed to hear the Alberta government is to spendone million dollars on feeding deer, elk and moose, also supplying the farmers with fencing to keep the wild animals from eating their hay they need for their own stock

I happened to switch to channel 29, a B.C. station, and they, too, mentioned about Alberta feeding the deer. Do you not think this is Mother Nature's way to prevent overpopulation?

Then I picked up The Didsbury Review and read that they are cutting back on hospital beds and some operations. Now really what is the government thinking?

So they save the deer which causes lots of accidents and that's good for the insurance companies. That makes everyone's insurance sky high.

I always figured that health, education jobs - even feeding the starving street people - would be closer to the top of the list for the government to help instead of feeding deer, elk and moose. But feeding deer, etc.
I guess I was wrong.

Marj Hood

Didsbury

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DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE

the DAC will be closed January 6 - February 13, inclusive, for the installation ur 150-foot waterslide. Grand Opening events are planned for Feb. 14 - 17! rogram registration for February to April is now available. Programs include fler school lessons, Saturday morning lessons, preschool lessons, adult lessons istional Lifeguard. Water Safety Instructor, and first aid courses. Call to regist reveen 8:70 and 4:30 weeklays.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Didsbury Memorial Complex is currently seeking applications for the following positions:

lowing positions:

1. Lifeguard/Instructors - successful applicant will be certified NLS, WSI award holders. Additional qualifications will be considered an asset.

2. Part-time Aquatic Cashier - successful applicant will have previous experience working with the public, responsible, and have good reception skills. Additional qualifications, such as a customer service training course, first aid, and computer training will be considered an asset.

3. Facility Booking Agent - successful applicant will have exceptional organizational skills and an understanding of recreation facility schedules and the patrons who use our facilities. Additional qualifications, such as fir aid training, computer training, accounting experience, and customer suct training will be considered an asset.

three of these positions include shift work, days, evenings and weekends.

ranning will be considered an asset.

All three of these positions include shift work, days, evenings and weekends. Deadline for application for any of these positions - Friday, January 24, 1997. Should you be interested in any of these positions, please apply in writing with accompanying resume to: Rhonda Hunter, Didsbury Memorial Complex Manage Box 790, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0.

Thompson calls Somalia inquiry a cover-up

Reform Deputy Justice Critic Myron Thompson says he is appalled that the Canadian public will never learn the whole truth about the Somalia inquiry, in light of Defence Minister Doug Young's announcement last Friday that the mandate of the Somalia Commission of Inquiry will not be extended past June

"The Liberals are pulling the rug out from under the inquiry three-quarters of the way through its mandate and the only possible reason for this is political. With an election on the horizon, the government had no choice but to try and cover up, "said Thompson. Thompson charged that the

Defence Minister's interference in the judicial inquiry is unprecedented in the history of Cana-dian public inquiries. To date, Mr. Young has complained of the cost of the inquiry and the amount of time it has taken to interview

Mr. Young has destroyed the only opportunity we had to let the truth be known. Now we will forever be left wondering whether

there was a cover-up by senior officials in the Department of National Defence. The Minister's reasons for ending the inquiry comprise nothing more than a cover up of the cover up. As a result, we will never know what happened in Somalia and the military will never learn from its mistakes

"Clearly, this is another broken Liberal promise. For two years now the government has refused to answer questions relating to the military cover up, saying let the inquiry do its work' and that they wanted 'an open and fair inquiry'. This is yet an-other example of Liberal political double talk for consistently breaking promises to the Canadian peo-

"This is the second week in a row that the Liberals have shown their arrogance, backroom secrecy, and lack of political accountability. It's now becoming an everyday occurrence. Ulti-mately, the Canadian people are being denied justice - and worst of all so are the Canadian Armed Forces," concluded Thompson.

GARBAGE LIMIT IMPOSED

These over limit tags may be purchased for \$1.50 each at the Town Office.

or more information please call the town office at 335-3391

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE **BY-LAW 95-6**

BY-LAW 95-6

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-laws to amend the present Land Use by-law 95-6 as follows:

1) The area described as the N.W. portion of the S.E. ¼, Section 13, Township 31, Range 2, West of 5th meridian, comprising 20+/-be rezoned to R1. (Also described as the land south of West Hill and West Heights.)

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held January 29, 1997, commencing at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Robert Wigs Planning and Development Office

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The Town of Didsbury has joined with other communities around Central Alberta to create a business directory of all goods, services, products and enterprises operating in our local community and district. This information will be made available on the Internet using a province wide computer data base called the Business Attraction Information System (B.A.I.S.). Collection of the information is well underway in Didsbury. For information on this project, how to get your business listed, or questions about the forms, please call Denise Taylor at 335-3391

BUSINESS ATTRACTION INFORMATION SYSTEM

DIDSBURY MEMORIAL

333-3509. Limited ice rentals available on Sundays between 9 am - 4 pm on both ice surfaces. Call at your earliest possible convenience to book preferred times.

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1997 **BUSINESS** LICENCES

January 1st.

INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUSINESS?



EVAN PARLIAMENT

Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant

olications for grants for 1997, under the vincial Grant Program will be received by the on of Didsbury until February 10, 1997. qualified applicati

The grant shall be used for the provision special services or assistance.

special services or assistance for the transportation of senior citizens, disabled or handicapped persons.

The applications shall be in writing, detailing the intended use, the amount requested, a proposed operating budget for the calendar year and a previous year's audited financial statement.

The application must be received in the Town-Office by Echanson The application must be received in the Town Office by February 10, 1997, in the year of the

application.

The Council of the Town of Didsbury shall allocate grant funds, as it deems appropriate, should the applications exceed the amount of grant funding received from the Province of Alberta.

Lifestyles

Didsbury-

Friday, January 10, was 'Egg Balancing Day' in Didsbury.

While the significance of the date and any corresponding scientific rationale were never officially confirmed, reports of eggs (and other items, including a tilted salt shaker) standing vertically abounded across town.

Calls to local science teachers yielded no resolutions, nor did numerous queries sent out to central Alberta physics wizards, astronomers and librarians.

Balancing eggs upright is something of a tradition during the Vernal Equinox in March when the pull of the sun crossing the equator supposedly alters gravitational pull, but the origins of January 10 as 'Egg Balancing Day' appear to have no astrological significance.

"I don't know the official reason why eggs seem to balance on that day," Q91 radio announcer Jeff Michaels said in a fax to the Review. "When I worked in Prince George several years ago, a listener informed me that she was able to keep a dozen eggs balanced for a week!"

Jim Hall from CKRD also fired off a fax to the Review reporting that he and a fellow announcer tried it out as a "fun thing" a few years ago, adding that it has de-veloped into something of a tradition at his radio station. Hall said they plan to do it again next year and playfully suggested the day be dubbed "Jim and Casey's Egg

Balancing Day" (JACEB Day) for

future reference.
A call from the staff at George McDonald's Insurance Agency the Monday following advised the egg they'd balanced on Janu-ary 10 was "still standing", causing wags in the community to suggest that here was proof that McDonald's agency was indeed "the centre of the universe".

Rob Merritt, who'd personally balanced eggs on JACEB Day in his Delicatessen, brought a fresh (as yet unbalanced) egg from his business to McDonald's agency and declared victory over gravity as the egg (which he could not balance after January 10 inside his Deli) stood at attention beside the McDonald's "miracle egg" which was approaching its seventh day upended.

The Calgary Science Centre and Planetarium declined to enter the debate altogether as calls to their science hot line were not returned, but a quick surf on the internet yielded what we will offer as the final word on the mat-

A group of teachers connected on the World Wide Web (http:// 156.26.14.23/facsme/ ernale.htm) based in Witchita Kansas and known collectively as The Science Alliance" addressed the egg balancing issue last year.

The Alliance correspondent began his narrative with the disclaimer, "I don't know how this got started", going on to post a report peppered with a profusion of exclamation marks:

Astronomers define the beginning of spring as the time when the sun is seen to cross the celestial equator. There is no astronomical reason why you should be able to balance raw eggs on the first day of spring [or any other day]. Do you have doubts?

Ask an astronomer! In fact, you can balance a raw egg on end on any day! All one needs is a bit of a steady hand and some patience. To prove this get out the eggs and try it yourself! Teachers at the March 1996 Science Alliance meeting were (mostly) able to

ment was repeated on the Summer Solstice of 1996 with a differ-ent group of teachers. Again, most teachers had no trouble balancing their eggs on a day that is as far from an Equinox as you can



Rob Merritt provides photographic evidence of gravitational anomaly gesturing towards two up-ended eggs standing vertically on the counter at George McDonald's Insurance Agency last week

RARY BONANZA

Mom and baby are doing fine, and the collection of special items donated by the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary (to mom, Pamela, and Kaitlyn Joan Taks, Didsbury's 1997 New Year's baby) added a special note of celebration. The pink shirt held up in the background is a collectors item which reads: "I was born at Didsbury Hospital." Auxiliary members on hand to make the presentation were: Hazel Milne, Frieda Derksen, Gwladys Bogner, Hannah Neufeld an Myra Underhay. Photo by Elaine Wils

Words from Westglen

By Sarah Ferguson
As usual Westglen has been really busy both in planning ac-tivities for the school

and contributing to the community. Re-cently the Student Council and the school store donated \$200 to purchase two steps on the new slide at the Aquatic Center. We've also provided support for the habitat and play-

ground areas. The new wrought iron benches they purchased are in the front foyer during the win-ter weather but will go out to the playground area later. Of course, they fund all sports activities at Westglen, too.

Our students are very generous and this year have sent many, many items to the Food Bank. In fact at our next dance on January 24, students will get 50 cents off their admission by once again supplying a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. The regular admission is \$3.50 and the

dance goes from 7 to 11 p.m. Any parent interested in chap-

eroning is most welcome.
Please contact the school at 335-8700 if you are able to help out. The Grade 7 and

8 band students are planning to go to Camp Caroline. Camp Caroline. The Grade 8's are leaving on February 10 to 12 and Grade 7's are going

about the 17th for a two day band camp. Students are asked to hand in their permission slips to Miss Milliken as soon as

possible.

The Westglen basketball teams have been having an outstanding year, with both teams winning on Tuesday, January 14. Amanda Schneider and Karla Shultz were the leading scorers for the girls and Phillip Portingale for the boys. The next game at Westglen for both teams is on Tuesday, February 4, so be sure to come out and cheer our Wildcats on.

Early detection saves smokers

It's now the fifth leading caus of death in Canada and the only one that's increasing in prevalence in North America, yet its name is almost unknown to the general public. It strikes as young as age 45, and usually targets long-term smokers. It's not lung cancer, but rather an illness called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

According to a new survey of Canadians who have smoked a pack a day for 20 years, smokers do not link breathlessness, wheeziness, cough, and phlegm production with poor lung health. In fact, more than half of those surveyed said they were used to feeling this way.

"The survey shows that many smokers have grown to accept as normal the symptoms of this potentially life-threatening disease said Dr. Ken Chapman, Director of the Asthma Centre of The To-ronto Hospital. "Some people think their symptoms are just part of the aging process, so they adjust their lifestyle to compensate for the symptoms rather than seek help. Tragically, many such pa-tients seek help only when their lung disease is far advanced leaving few treatment options."

The national telephone sur-

vey, conducted by Dr. Robert Coambs, a recognized health pro-motion expert on smoking and lung disease, consisted of in-depth interviews with 133 long-term smokers with an average age of 47. Most respondents began smoking at age 19 and have been smok-

ing roughly 30 cigarettes each day.
Some survey findings were:
98 per cent reported symptoms of poor lung health, yet didn't link lung dysfunction with

 63 per cent reported their chest made a wheezing or whistling sound when they had a cold; 46 per cent said wheezing rou-tinely occurred without a cold;

 60 per cent reported that climbing one flight of stairs left them breathless;

• 59 per cent reported having a chronic cough; and

 50 per cent reported bringing up phlegm from their chest.

The irony is, when asked to rate their overall health, the maintie of the control of the con jority (73 per cent) replied 'average' to 'excellent'.

"If we can determine early that a patient's lung function is compromised, then we can act quickly to minimize further damage. It can mean living a more normal

life," Dr. Chapman said.

The survey showed that smokers are concerned about loss of lung function. In fact, 59 per cent of the respondents said the discovery of a loss of 20 per cent of lung function would prompt them to take action.

A 1-800 number (1-800-440-0868) staffed by nurses has been established to offer information, and to offer people a brochure about this illnes

If you would like more information on lung health, please visit The Lung Association website at www.lung.ca

Olds and District Food Bank update

The Olds and District Food Bank, serving the County of Mountain View, filled 712 hampers in 1996, feeding 1,104 adults and 856 children. This is a 35 per

cent increase ov	er 1995.
Community	Hampers
Carstairs	26
Didsbury	165
Olds	308
Sundre	120
Others	93
TOTAL	712

The objective of the Olds and District Food Bank is to meet the short term (about one week) needs of applicants. It is composed of members and volunteers working on a non-paid basis and is solely dependent upon donations from the public. We require help from individuals, groups, organizations and businesses, many of whom have donated time, food and money in December and throughout 1996. Each commu-

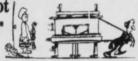
nity's support is extremely important in helping meet the de-mand placed on the food bank.

With the proposed brighter economic picture painted for Alberta in 1997, we hope the need for the food bank will decrease.

The Olds and District Food Bank is open 10 a.m. - 12 noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at its location in the basement of the old Provincial Building, 5025 - 50th St. in Olds. Our telephone number is 556-1693, fax 556-7288

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of custom financial services continues. Come talk to us about your first home or one of the 75 products we offer.





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Didsbury Royal Purple news

By Irene Dickau and Hazel Milne

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, Janu-

ary 8.

In December Ladies visited the Kinsmen Manor and enjoyed the visit and tea with the residents, giving them oranges for Christmas. Also Ladies visited our members, Hester Bailly and Iona Sheils at the

and Iona Sheils at the Didsbury Long Term Care Centre.

Get well wishes go to Roy Dowell, Bernie Kaupp, Nick Ruptash and Henry Delauw. Sympathy is extended to Ladies Jessie Newman and Helen Newton, also Bro. Elk Roy Parker.

January birthday greetings go to Ladies Joanna Gebers, Annie Pringle and Peg Morison.

The Alberta Provincial Royal Purple Conference will be held on June 6 and 7 at Dawson Creek. Ladies of Didsbury Lodge are entered to participate with a drill

team.

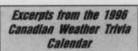
A team meeting was held on
Saturday. Honored Royal Lady
Betty Casebeer, Secretary Hazel

Milne, P.H.R.L.'s Shirley Thompson and P.H.R.L. Helen Newton attended.

Newton attended.
Our membership night, which is held once a year, will be on Wednesday, January 22 at 8 p.m. at the Elks Hall. This is planned for an evening of fellowship. Invitations are extended to any Lady interested in attending. A special invitation for our members not able to attend regularly. Ladies, come out and bring a friend.

come out and bring a friend.

The Lodge will be having a family social on Sunday afternoon, January 26, at the Elks Hall, to start at 2 p.m. This will be followed by a pot luck supper. All members of the Royal Purple, Brother Elks, family and friends are welcome to attend. This is a fun day for all the family.



• Between December 31 and January 19, 1994, Yellowknife endured a record 20 consecutive days when the minimum temperature was less than or equal to 37 C.

 December 15, 1964, the Great Blizzard struck parts of the Prairie provinces with heavy snow, sustained winds of 50 to 90 km/h, and bitterly cold -34 C temperatures. Lost livestock numbered over 1,000 and three people froze to death.



"SEATING" PRETTY

Darcy and Pamela Taks, as parents of the 1997 Didsbury New Year's Baby, Kaitlyn Joan, qualified for a special offering from the Alberta Medical Association last week. After packing up and leaving the hospital to head for home, the family detoured to College Green Medical Centre where Dr.Dan Botha presented them with an infant baby seat on behalf of the AMA. Parents of New Year's babies in all 17 Health Regions were given a safety seat.

Photo by Elaine Wilson



Ross Ford Elementary School Superkids for January 10, 1997. Kyle Collinge (missing), Yasmine Voegeli (missing), Cole Sundberg (missing), Beth Edgar, Sarah McEwen, A.J. McCoy, Carley Dietrich, Katherine O'Brien, David Dowell, Justin Mitchell, Grant Jensen, Cole Scheidt, Lindley Hrabok, Joel Couture, Chelsey Berry, Amber Campbell, Chloe Kary, Paige Hopkins, Earl Blakely, Wesley Dunbar and Tamara Martel.

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Prairie barley vote details

The independent management consulting firm of KPMG published further details about how a mail-in vote among prairie barley producers will be conducted over the next six weeks.

The vote, as called for by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Ralph Goodale last fall, will seek to determine which one of two definitive marketing options is the preferred choice of a majority of barley producers across the West. KPMG has been contracted to administer the voting process on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Voter packages containing a

ballot and a description of voting procedures will begin going into the mail to eligible producers on January 23, 1997. Farmers will then have until February 28, 1997 to mail back their completed ballots.

Voter packages will be mailed automatically to all "actual producers" (as defined in the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Act) who produced barley at least once in the last five years and have obtained their 1996/97 CWB Permit Book as of January 1, 1997. For those "actual producers" or barley who do not hold a current CWB Permit

Book, a straight-forward procedure is available to establish their eligibility to vote.

They must obtain, complete and return a legally binding affidavit which states that they meet all the eligibility criteria, including the fact that they have indeed grown barley at least once in the past five years. The affidavit must be signed and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths, and returned to KPMG postmarked on or before February 18, 1997. Once this process is completed, eligible voters will be added to the voters list and will receive a voter's package in the mail

in the mail.

A toll free information line has been established: 1-888-722-7539.

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The Prairie Barley Vote

Are you a Prairie Barley producer? You should be aware of the upcoming Prairie Barley Vote. Here are answers to questions you may have about the vote.

he vote will seek to determine Prairie farmers' marketing preferences for barley produced in Western Canada. Eligible barley producers will be asked to indicate their preference for one of two marketing options:

OPEN MARKET OPTION

 Remove all barley (both feed and malting/food) from the Canadian Wheat Board and place it entirely on the open market for all domestic and export sales.

OR

SINGLE-SELLER OPTION

 Maintain the Canadian Wheat Board as the single-seller for all barley (both feed and malting/food), with the continuing exception of feed barley sold domestically.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

All current Prairie farmers who are engaged in grain production and have grown barley at least once in the last five years (1992 to and including 1996) are eligible to vote.

Specific eligibility criteria:

1996/97 CWB Permit Book holders must meet criteria 1, 2, and 3:

- 1. You are an "actual producer" as defined in the Canadian Wheat Board Act;
- 2. You are a Canadian Wheat Board Permit Book holder in 1996/97; and
- You have produced barley at least once in the past five years (1992 to and including 1996).

Barley producers who do NOT have a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book, must meet criteria 4, 5, 6 and 7:

- You are currently directly involved in the business of farming as an "actual producer" in the "designated area," both as defined in the Canadian Wheat Board Act;
- You produced barley on land in the "designated area," as defined in the Canadian Wheat Board Act, at least once in the past five years (1992 to and including 1996);
- 6. Not more than one ballot is cast per farming operation; and
- You have completed the affidavit form and submitted it by February 18, 1997.

New producers who are currently farming land on which barley was grown during one of the years 1992 to and including 1996 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

HOW DO I GET A VOTER'S PACKAGE?

1996/97 Permit Book Holders:

Voter's packages will be automatically mailed to all 1996/97 CWB Permit Book holders who have obtained their 1996/97 Permit Book number as of January 1, 1997, and meet the eligibility criteria.

 If you have your 1996/97 Permit Book number, your voting package will be mailed to you beginning on January 23, 1997.

For Barley producers who have NOT obtained a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book:

Prairie Barley producers who are not a 1996/97 CWB Permit Book holder as of January 1, 1997, must apply for eligibility.

You must establish your eligibility to vote by obtaining, completing and submitting a legally binding affidavit that states you meet the eligibility criteria. The affidavit form must be signed and witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths (for example, most local grain elevator managers are Commissioners for Oaths).

Signed affidavit forms must be returned by mail to: KPMG, Post Office Box 2505, Stn. Main, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4A7

Producers whose affidavit forms are post-marked after February 18, 1997 will not be eligible to vote.

HOW DO I GET AN AFFIDAVIT?

To obtain an affidavit form, phone toll-free at 1-888-7BARLEY (1-888-722-7539), OR go to any Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) office.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- The affidavit form must be returned to KPMG by mail and post-marked no later than February 18, 1997.
- All completed ballots must be returned in the official postage paid envelope provided in the voter's package, and post-marked no later than February 28, 1997.

KPMG

KPMG, on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is administering the mail-in vote to determine Prairie farmers' marketing preferences for barley.



At The Kitchen Table

by Noreen Olson

"It's Column Day," I told my husband, "got any suggestions for

"How about a stupid fool who builds thirty feet of deck and then spends the whole winter shoveling the snow off it," he suggested glumly. "And by the way," he continued, "there is at least four feet of snow on the south facing roof. I am going to climb up there and push it down, where it will, of course, catch on the deck so that I can have the joy of shoveling it again from

the deck to the ground."

I looked at him doubtfully. What does one do when one's beloved, and not so young, husband says he is about to climb out onto a roof covered in four feet of snow. I remembered the story about the man who was shingling the north side of a barn roof so he tied a rope from his waist to a pickup truck parked on the south side and then with great confidence climbed over the roof ridge and went to work. His only mistake was in leaving the keys in the pickup. His teenage son saw the truck sitting there and jumped in to go for the mail. Poor old Dad was dragged up, over, down and along. I didn't offer to tie Ralph to anything but I did make sure that I had the number for the Cremona Fire Depart-ment handy and I listened carefully to be sure that what I heard were shoveling sounds and not sliding, screaming, crashing ones. The cat was totally unnerved by the noise on the roof. She complained bitterly and wanted me to hold her the whole time he was up there

The deck is at least six feet off the ground but one wouldn't know it because it is now almost level with the heaped snow. When I am in the basement I feel like I am in an igloo because the windows let in only pale light filtered through piled snow. The big compost barrel that sits at the edge of the lower deck has long since disappeared. The pretty little wrought iron table and chairs are vague mounds, all the steps to the lower deck have vanished. Even on the level, as in the middle of the garden, snow is belly deep to a tall moose, giant snow mounds surround the yards and every farmer in the country spends hours pushing snow, making trails, digging out and trying to maintain a decent place to feed his cows. We have had enough darn snow, thank you

Bob Hallett, our neighbor, friend and local weather person, has been keeping records for Environment Canada, Atmospheric Environment Services for the past 35 years and in all that time he says this is the most he has ever seen laying on the ground. Last November we got 64.7 cm of snow. In November of 94 we got 8.2 cm or one eighth of this year's amount and in November of 95 we got 15.6 cm, or roughly one quarter of this year's supply. The most snow ever recorded in one season, in Canada, was on Revelstoke Mtn. at Copeland, B.C. when they got 2 446.5 cm in the 71-72 season. The most snow in one day, in Canada was 118.1 cm and that was at Lakeise Lake, B.C. January 17, 1974. The coldest temperature ever recorded in Alberta was -61.1 and that was at Fort Vermilion on January 11, 1911. on a happier note, as newscasters say, the warmest was 43.3 at Bassano Damon July 21, 1931. It doesn't say if they dipped a nice fish soup from the dam on that occasion. Alberta is still right up there in average annual hours of bright sunshine. We average 2,490 hours and are second only to Saskatchewan who claim to have 2,537 such golden moments, and to be fair, Manitoba is close with 2,460.

James Thurber, an American humorist whom I greatly admire, gradually became blind. As his sight failed his wife tried valiantly to describe things to him but as a particularly nasty winter went on and on he became tired of hearing about another snowfall, another sparkling winter snowscape. "Oh please," he is supposed to have said, "not another lousy winter wonderland."

I find myself saying that a lot these days.

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Bancroft

By June Lore

Bancroft Women's Institute met at the home of Catherine McNaughtan January 13, 1997 with new President Pat Vantetering in the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of 'Red River Valley', the creed and Flag Salute. Members anwered Roll Call with payment of dues and Home and Country subscriptions.

The season's opening Crib and Whist Tournament drew a good crowd despite the extremely cold weather. The next one will be held January 24, 7:30 p.m., Midway school. Others are slated for February 7 and 21.

Pat Vantetering and June Lore reported on Midway Park. The donation box should be ready by spring and result of the application for funding to assist in refurbishing park equipment should be known by the end of January. Donations will be sent to Al-berta Women's Institutes Office

Fund, Girls Club and to Associated Country Women of the

We were very sorry to hear that member Marj Fisher fell on the icy streets and broke her wrist. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her out for the next meeting.

Joan Patterson conducted a 'Bit of Fun' which challenged our powers of observation and memory. Winner was Pat Vantetering. The Hostess' tea prize went to Lila Kurtz. Jean Swanson and Elsie Brander rved a delicious lunch

The next meeting will be held at the home of Jean Swanson in



Didsbury, February 10. Constituency Convenor Jean McCulloch will pay an official visit and bring report from the Conference at the Grey Nuns in Edmonton.



By Betty Ayers

The Carstairs and District Historical Society was the recipient of two Alberta Museums Association Special Projects Grants in 1996: Museum Administration - \$3,000 and Collections Management - \$4,080. Funding for these grants comes from the Alberta Government and is made possible through lottery prof-

The Historical Society is grateful to the Town of Carstairs for its continuing support of the museum and to the local service clubs and individuals who made donations to help defray the

clubs and individuals who made donations to help defray the costs of the new roof.

The Historical Society is looking forward to a very productive year. We are hoping to become computerized in 1997! We relate the stories of the past, but we do have to look to the future. Help us make *Carstairs* be...where you want to be...in 2003! There will be several "work days" coming up where we will clean and repair artifacts, and repair mannequins. If anyone is interested in volunteering please call the museum at 337-3710.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on February 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. Mark this date on your calendar, this meeting is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.



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Alberta placed first in Canada in science and second (behind British Columbia) in mathematics. Among the 40 participating countries, Alberta students tied with Japan for third place in science and

tied with France for twelfth place in mathematics.

Almost half a million Grade 8 students took part in the study conducted between 1994 and 1996. Strict guidelines ensured that students tested were representative of each country and not simply its educational elite. In Alberta, a total of 2,241 students from 51 schools vere tested in the spring of 1995.

Science results

Singapore (70%) Korea (66%) Alberta (65%) Japan (65%) Czech Republic (64%) Netherlands (62%) British Columbia (62%) Bulgaria (62%) Slovenia (62%) Austria (61%) England (61%) Hungary (61%) Belgium (60%) Australia (60%) Slovak Republic (59%) Sweden (59%) Canada (59%) Newfoundland (59%) Ireland (58%) United States (58%) Russian Federation (58%) Germany (58%) New Zealand (58%)

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Students learn with new "cool" weather

Students around the world can use a new "cool" tool to learn about the severe winter weather that makes our Canadian climate unique and challenging.

Available worldwide via the Internet, Environment Canada's newly developed "Chilldex" is a software tool that allows students to calculate wind chill and equivalent temperature while learning

how to be winter weather wise. The release of the Chilldex coincides with Environment Canada's Winter Severe Weather Awareness Campaign. The campaign is designed to educate groups that are at high risk during times of severe weather, including children, seniors and

Though specifically intended for elementary school classrooms, the Chilldex is available to the general public through Environ-ment Canada's Green Lane web site http://www.mb.doe.ca/ Contact: Bruno Larochelle, (403) 951-



So....now what's to

Sheryl Rothert, is a wife, a mother, and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc. B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

To help stave off those flu and cold bugs, we need to be sure that we are getting enough vegetables. Vegetables are full of the vitamins and minerals that help our immune system. This recipe is an easy way to accomplish that goal! You can easily substitute with the vegetables you want to include.

Vegetable Scramble

- 2 Tbsp. low-fat margarine 3 4 celery stalks, sliced diagonally 1 -2 garlic cloves, minced 1/2 c. toasted almonds,
- 4 carrots, sliced diagonally
- 4 green onions 1 c. broccoli pieces
 - 2 Tbsp. parsley

slivered

- Melt margarine in a skillet and add the carrots.

- Sauté for 5 min., stirring constantly.

 Add the celery and broccoli and sauté for 3 min. more.

 Add the green onions and garlic; cook 3 min.; do not overthe celery should still be crunchy.

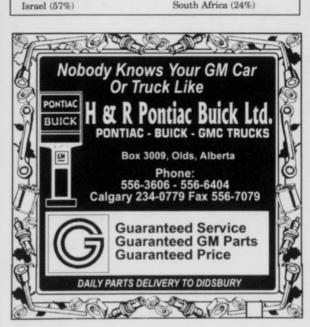
 Combine with toasted almonds, reserving 1/4 c.
- Garnish with the remaining almonds and parsley.
- *Serves 4 6 with a chicken or fish dish, and rice.

Tip of the Week: For you recyclers out there with a stock of plastic milk jugs waiting to taken out to the recycling center, here's a trick I learned at my sister's place during the holidays: Fill the jugs with very hot water and then you can easily flatten the jugs, since the hot water softens the plastic. Simple trick, but I was impressed!

Math results

Singapore (79%) Japan (73%) Korea (72%) Hong Kong (70%) Belglium (66%) Czech Republic (66%) British Columbia (63%) Slovak Republic (62%) Switzerland (62%) Austria (62%) Hungary (62%) Alberta (61%) France (61%) Slovenia (61%) Russian Federation (60%) Netherlands (60%) Bulgaria (60%) Canada (59%) Ireland (59% Belgium (59%) Australia (58%) Thailand (57%)

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weather Severe

- 1. Which capital holds western Canada's one-day snowfall record?
- a. Winnipeg b. Regina
- c. Edmonton
- d. Victoria

Answer: d. Amazingly, 55 cm of snow fell on balmy Victoria on snow fell on balmy Victoria on February 13, 1916. The city's only snowplough was kept busy amidst stalled transit vehicles, and the fire department had to resort to horse-drawn wagons to get around!

If your sidewalk is 15 metres long and 1.5 metres wide and covered with 40 cm of dry, fluffy snow, how many kilograms of snow will you have lifted by the time you clean the walk?

a) 100 kg

b) 450 kg (or nearly half a tonne) c) 884 kg (or nearly a tonne)

d) 1800 kg (or nearly 2 tonnes) Answer: c. The snow can equal a staggering 884 kilograms (or nearly one tonne)! Pushing aside the heavy load can be a lot less taxing to the heart than lifting

and tossing.
3. When the weather forecast re ports that "unprotected skin can freeze in under one minute", the windchill factor is likely:

- a) under 900 watts/m2
- b) 1400 to 1600 watts/m2
- c) 1800 to 2000 watts/m2 d) 2000 or more watts/m2

Answer: d. 2000 or more watts/ m2. Brrr...at windchill of this level, it may feel like -40°C. Adequate face protection is essential, el-

ementary school children require constant supervision while outdoors. Work and travel alone is not advisable.

4. The highest average annual snowfall occurs in... a) Winnipeg

- b) Ottawa
- c) Quebec City d) St. John's
- e) Yellowknife

Answer: d. The Newfoundland capital gets more snow, freezing rain, strong winds, precipitation and more fog than any other major Canadian city - but it also has one of our mildest winters.

How fast does a large snowflake fall?

a) 2 km/h

b) 0.5 km/h

c) 5 km/h

d) 10 km/h Answer: c. Watch out for falling snowflakes! They're coming at a

speed of 5 km/h. The "Great Blizzard" struck parts of the Prairie Provinces with heavy snows, sustained winds of 50 to 90 km/h, and bitterly cold -34°C temperatures. Lost livestock numbered over a thousand, and three people froze to death. The

a) 1902

b) 1957

c) 1964

d) 1992

Answer: c. The "Great Blizzard" ravaged the Prairies on December 15, 1964.

7. You don't have a thermometer.

but luckily you have a rhododen-dron. It's leaves have just begun

to curl. How cold is it? Answer: About 2°C. The amount of curling increases as the temperature drops. At -18°C, the curled leaf is about as thick as a pencil. The leaves are horizontal at normal summer temperatures but begin to droop as the tem-

perature approaches freezing.
8. Niphablepsia is what form of weather malady?

a) snowblindness

b) frostbite

c) thunderstruck

d) weather migraine Answer: a. snowblindnes

9. What Canadian city endured a record 20 consecutive days when the minimum temperature was less than or equal to -37°C? a) Thompson, Manitoba

b) Inuvik, NWT c) Lethbridge, Alberta

d) Yellowknife, NWT

Answer: d. Yellowknife, NWT. The cold spell began December 31, 1994 and didn't end until

January 19, 1995. 10. Is it ever too cold to snow? Answer: No. The amount of mois-ture the air can hold decreases with temperature, and thus snow amounts tend to be smaller in colder temperatures, but no matter how cold the temperature, air can always hold enough moisture to produce snow (when further

cooling brings it below its saturation point). 11. Which weather phenomenon claims the most Canadian lives?

- a) Storms
- b) Floods
- c) Exposure to cold d) Lightning

Answer: c. 108 Canadians die each year from exposure to cold, while other natural events including storms, floods and earthquakes claim 17 lives annually

Windchill chart

Windehill (watts/square metre)

Under 900

900 to 1400

1400 to 1600

1600 to 1800

1800 to 2000

2000

2300

2400

2600 or more

Recommended Procedures Comfortable with normal winter

clothing. Work and recreation become uncomfortable unless properly

clothed. Hats, coats and gloves are recommended. Conditions no longer pleasant for outdoor

activities on sunny days. Outdoor work and travel are safe with quality winter clothing.
Freezing of exposed skin begins for most people depending on the degree of activity and amount of sunshine. Heavy outer clothing is essential.
Environment Canada will add the current windchill to public forecasts at this level. Frostbite can occur in a few minutes. Multiple layers of clothing become essential. May feel

like -30 C. Unprotected skin can freeze in one minute.

Adequate face protection becomes important. Elementary school children require continuous adult supervision while outdoors. Work and travel alone is not advisable. May feel like -40 C. Adequate face protection is essential. Work and travel alone is hazardous. Special warm-up breaks are recommended for outside workers.

Outdoor conditions are dangerous. School closures should be considered. May feel like -50 C. Outdoor conditions are dangerous even for short periods of time. All non-emergency outdoor work should cease. Buddy system and observation are mandatory. May feel like -60 C. These are rare windchill values which may be experienced in a major blizzard. Exposed flesh may freeze within half a minute. Danger is

extreme.

RELIGION

The Way of Life

Broken pieces mended!

How many of our beautiful hopes, dreams or realities have been shattered and broken by the

ill winds of life: that dream of being the best musician, the star performer on the team, finding the right companion for marriage, or just being able to fulfill our ambition in life? Then to have it crushed by circumstances or situations we cannot control or understand!

What have we done with the broken pieces when this oc

curred? Did we try to repair them or did we put them away in a corner to try and forget that it happened because we found the task or repair impossible?

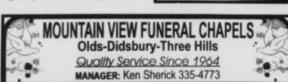
Yes, in our own strength we are unable to repair those broken dreams or broken things. How ever, there is one who can put the ieces back together better than they were before, if we will only give Him the opportunity. That one is God the creator and maker of our lives. Perhaps the follow-ing story will illustrate just what

is possible if we let God pick up the broken pieces and repair them.

There was once a famous old-world cathedral which contained a beautiful stained-glass window. People came for many miles to admire its loveliness. By and by a storm came, and the window was shattered into thousands of tiny fragments. The pieces were gathered up Missionary Church and stored away in

a box in the base ment. One day a stranger came to town and asked to see the famous window. They told him of its fate, and showed him the broken bits





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of glass. He asked whether he might have the pieces, and his

request was granted. Weeks passed. Then the custodians of the cathedral received an invitation from a famous artist to visit his studio. When they arrived, he placed them before a canvas curtain. At the touch of his hand on a cord, the curtain fell, and there, before their aston-

ished eyes, was the most beautiful colored window they had ever beheld. As they stood admiring its rich tints, its marvelous workmanship, and its cunning design, the artist said: "This is what I have created from the fragments of your broken window. It is ready to take its place again in the cathedral."

In the same manner, the Di-vine Craftsman can take the bro-

ken pieces of our lives and fashion them into a unique design. One that can take its place once again in the realities and dreams of life. It states in Ephesians 2:10, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Allow the Divine Craftsman to take the broken pieces of your life and remake it into something beautiful and useful.

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a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community



You can help Quality of life is far more than a buzz phrase for the 90s to Dawna na and the staff at Didsbury District Health Services. The residents appreciate the efforts of the staff and volunteers who juggle duties and workloads to dispense meals so that residents do not feel pressured to

the process. Extra hands and hearts are always welcome at DDHS in a variety of volunteer capacities, but currently, feeding assistants are at a premium to ensure meals are served while still hot. Resident Dean Stair (pictured with Faryna) said he sincerely hot. Resident Dean Stair (pictured with Faryna) said he sincerely appreciates enjoying a meal without feeling rushed to finish, and Faryna added that the "one-on-one" aspect definitely boosts quality of life at DDHS. Faryna would be happy to organize a mutually convenient schedule working with whatever (meal)time each volunteer can donate. To brighten the life of a DDHS resident, contact Faryna at 335-7268. A machine will take your name and number if no one is in the office and your call will be promptly returned. in the office and your call will be promptly returned.



Didsbury Elks and Royal Purple members are planning a day of old-fashioned fun for the whole family. The community get together is a long standing tradition which used to be held every year around Christmas time. Scheduling the event in the midst of a large slate of seasonal events grew increasingly more complex, so the program is now held early in the year to battle those winter blues. Entertainment will include musical selections, tap dancing, a visit from Sylvester the Cat,



balloon magic and Loonie bingo games. The highlight is destined to be an audience participation skit, featuring "good-natured volunteers," said Family Fun Day Chairperson, Shirley Thompson. "Kids," Thompson said, "seem to really enjoy seeing adults put on the spot." The fun starts at 2 p.m., January 26, at the Didsbury Elks Hall, with a pot luck supper to follow at 4 p.m. All are welcome, Thompson advise, and the event is free. Thompson advise, and the event is free.



Working together

Cst. Myles Peckham reminds residents of Didsbury there will be a Community Advisory Committee meeting at the Didsbury RCMP station house on January 23. Those with concerns or suggestions on policing in Didsbury should approach members of the committee: Claude Baril, John Orman, Willard Swalm, Gary Bogner or Shawn Ausenhaus

Community Interaction

Cpl. Vaughn Christensen person ally delivered a giant box full of cereal and bars candy Kidsbury Daycare last week; another stop by a member of the local RCMP detachment to fulfil the mandate of the Jun-

ior Jays program. In support of community-based policing efforts across Canada, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police coordinate the program which provides breakfast cereal and snack items to young Canadians nation wide. Christensen said the treats, donated by Kellogs and Cadbury Chocolate Inc., are distributed to local schools and daycare outlets.



First baby born in Didsbury in '97 Here she is, Didsbury's New Year's baby: Kaitlyn Joan Taks. Helpful staffers at Didsbury District Health Services translated the official metric measurements into more traditional statistics: Born at 5:01 p.m., January 14, the third child, (and second daughter) of parents Pamela and Darcy Taks (who hail from the Carstairs/ Crossfield region) weighed in at 8 pounds, one and one half ounces/ 20 and one half inches long. Little Kaitlyn is modelling a hand knit toque fashioned by Ladies Hospital Auxiliary member Annie Pringle. For more pictures, please turn to the Lifestyles section.





Honors Grad

Craig Pearl Pearl Craig will graduate from Athabasca University (AU) with Honors this June, as one of 42 students to achieve a cumulative average of 85 per cent or higher in pursuit of her Bachelor of Administration degree. Described as an institute of "open distance education", AU offers 13 undergraduate degrees in programs such as com-

merce, computing, nursing and science. Those who would like to acquire a degree (or go back for a second as Craig has done) can do so right here in Didsbury. Craig began working on her degree in Two Hills, Alberta, prior to moving to Didsbury, completing her work here, without having to make the daily drive to an urban centre to attend formal classes. In addition to the inherent flexibility AU offers, Craig pointed out that relocating to a different area does not entail transferring, and the schedule can be geared to fit one's work load and lifestyle. There is strong tutorial support and for those residing in rural centres, Craig maintains: "Distance education is the way to go in



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In Business

Farmers and the Internet

agricultural entrepreneurs and farm families are invited to attend a one day, non-technical seminar about using the Internet A Farmer's Guide to the Information Highway, is being offered in 20 locations around the province from January 20 to mid-March. Presenters from Steppingstones Partnership Inc. and rural development specialists will show you how to use the Internet and other services, how to find market, program and other useful agri-cultural information, and how you can market your products and services around the world. The 'information highway' can provide support, information and educational opportunities to farm families. This is an information packed seminar for Albertans who want their farms to be more successful and profitable. A eminar will be held in Crossfield on February 10, 1997.

eminar brochures at all district offices of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. For additional information, contact Delin Sheehan-Millang, rural development specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, at (403) 556-4220 in Olds, call toll-free 1-800-267-9997, or look up detailed information on the seminar on the Internet at http:/



RIBBON CUT AT CREDIT UNION

The ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new Didsbury branch of the Mountain View Credit Union went off without a hitch last Friday morning. Taking part, left to right, were: George and Marlene Pieper, Mayor Ray Lea, and Shirley and Rudy Schabert. The Piepers have been Credit Union members since 1974; for 13 years, George served as a board member for Olds and District Savings and Credit Union. George was on the provisional board at the time of amalgamation of Olds, Sundre, Cremona and Didsbury credit unions into the Mountain View Credit Union group. Shirley Schabert's father, David Janzen, was one of the original founders of Didsbury Savings and Credit Union. David Janzen also served as a member of the credit committee after its amalgamation into the Mountain View Credit Union. Shirley served as a board member for Mountain View.

Olds Auction Market report

Report for week ending Tuesday, January 14, 1997. 811 cattle,

244 hogs. BUTCHER CATTLE:

A1-2 Steers 73 to 79; A1-2 Heifers 72 to 78.

C1 Heiferettes 50 to 66; Feeder cows 42 to 52. Grain fed and exotic 42 to 47;

Medium flesh cows 36 to 41. Older cows 32 to 36; Holstein

cows 32 to 40. Bologna bulls 40 to 47; Feeder

REPLACEMENT CATTLE:

250 - 380 lb. Steers 80 to 1.00; Heifers 65 to 78.

400 lb. Steers 80 to 1.00; Heifers 65 to 83. 500 lb. Steers

80 to 97; Heifers 67 to 82. 600 lb. Steers

80 to 93; Heifers 68 to 83. 700 lb. Steers 78 to 88; Heifers 68 to 79 800 lb. Steers 76 to 85; Heifers 68 to 78. 900 lb. Steers 73 to 81; Heifers

1,000 lb. Steers 70 to 79. Bred cows 520 to 720; Bred heifers 640 to 730. DAIRY BARN:

Baby bull calves 20 to 120 with

larger calves 100 to 230. Baby heifer calves 15 to 110 with larger calves 100 to 210. Dairy cows 550 to 825.

HOG DIVISION:

Weiner pigs 36 to 47. Small feeders 48 to 74; Larger feeders 75 to 120.

Sows and gilts 175 to 260.



December was cold Below normal temperatures recorded

The year of 1996 ended with cold temperatures and precipitation totals near normal.

December started with below normal temperatures in the north and above normal temperatures in the south. Peter Dzikowski, agri weather resource specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.
"Temperatures during the first half of the month remained near normal and then turned cold the second half of December."

The provincial average temperature was 5.7 degrees be-low the 1961 to 1990 average of -11.2 degrees C. Most Alberta locations reported monthly temperataures two to six degrees below normal.

"The greatest temperature departures of about six degrees below normal were reported in the Foothills, between Red Deer and Claresholm," says Dzikowski. "High Level reported the smallest tempera-ture departure, 2.8 degrees cooler than the monthly normal temperature of -20.3 de-

The provincial average pre cipitation of 22.4 mm was near normal, just 0.1 mm below the 1961 to 1990 average of 22.5. These averages are based on data recorded at 28 Environment Canada climate stations

across Alberta. In the central region of Alberta precipitation amounts of 12 to 25.8 mm, or 92 to 138 per cent of normal, were reported. The northeast region also recorded above normal precipi-

tation totals.

Most of the southern, northwest and Peace regions reported slightly below nor-mal precipitation for December, with amounts of 7.4 to 35.7 mm, or 34 to 155 per cent of normal. Lethbridge was an exception, reporting 31 mm of precipitation, 155 per cent of the normal December precipi-

.0.5 mm.

3.9 mm

Weather

From Weather Station at Olds College for week ending Monday, January 20, 1997 PRECIPITATION

Actual. Normal.

Since April 1st (April thru Oct.) 490.7mm.

TEMPERATURE

+4.0°C on Jan. 17 & 18/97 -26.5°C on Jan. 15 & 16/97 Max. High. Min. Low... -8.6°C

Average temp for week Normal average temp for week

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'Ropin the Web and other Cool Stuff

By Delin Sheehan-Millang, Rural Development Specialist - Business Olds Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Have you been on the Internet? Are you curious? Do you want to know what all the fuss is about? You've probably heard that there is a lot of bad stuff on the Internet, your neighbor probably told you that there's nothing of value, and there are the people that say it's

just a great big commercial.

I thought I'd share with you the kinds of information I've been able to find on the Internet. Just to show you how versatile it can

I've found: a contract for the Western Canadian Garlic Growers Association, the phone number for a herb production specialist at the University of Saskatchewan, the address for the Fur Industry of Canada, a contact address for a great book on New Food Product Development, market research studies done by Agri-Food Canada, Equipment dealers, a Lynx farmer, information on doing business in a foreign country, courses being offered by the U of A, wild boar information, ostrich production, the Mush room Growers Newsletter, Bed and Breakfast Guide, Food

ww.agric.gov.ab.ca Alberta Agriculture has a terrific Web Site called Ropin the Web. It offers a search engine which allows you to enter "key words" about a subject that you are interested in and the engine searches" our site to come up with a listing of related information. The site also offers an upcoming events page, daily updates, weekly/monthly updates, crops, livestock, food and Ag processing, and rural development informa-

All of my courses and my coworkers courses are posted as are our news columns, newsletters, news releases, research studies and some fact sheets. Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development District offices home pages are at:

agric.gov.ab.ca/offices

For more information on how the Internet can benefit the farm family you'll want to attend the "Farmer's Guide to the Information Highway" on February 10 in Crossfield at the Crossfield Community Centre. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To register call 1-800-267-9997.

You could have a web site...for

http://www.ostrichcentre.com

There are many agriculture sites on the Internet, some of which have been developed lo-cally by RanchNet Ltd. Susan Duffield of RanchNet Ltd. is from Oyen and was instrumental in

the development of the Alberta Ostrich Breeders Association web page. It's an example of the kinds on the Internet.

Isn't it time you checked it out? http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca

Farmers

Are you interested in diversifying your operation?

Are you or do you have a family member who would like to be involved in pig production on a part time basis but may not have the experience you think is necessary?

If you are interested for these reasons or others, please contact PIC as we would like to respond to your interest and investigate the potential to work with us in our new Multi-site production.

PIC is planning to expand in 1997 by establishing new pig production capacity somewhere in the general vicinity. As part of this expansion, PIC is looking for farmers in the area around Trochu, Three Hills, Carbon, Linden, Acme, Beiseker, Carstairs, Didsbury or Olds, who are willing to construct grower-finisher barns on their land.

The basic concept follows beef cattle custom feed lot operations. PIC will supply batches of small pigs, generally enough in number to fill a barn within one week of time, and then this batch will be custom raised to market weight as one group to be slaughtered in the Trochu Meat Processors facility.

PIC will supply, in addition to the pigs themselves, the transportation to and from the farm, and the feed required, as well as some technical supervision and support.

PIC will pay for this custom feeding by paying a base amount per slaughter animal finished plus, where it is earned, a share of the batch's profitability that came as a result of superior performance and operating efficiency.

The farmers provide the facilities and the costs of operating them, including items like the labour, utilities, and maintenance, similar to "yardage" in a feedlot. The farmers also take care of the manure that is produced by spreading it on their own land, and capturing the benefit of lower chemical fertilizer costs and improved soil condition.

> If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please write to PIC at Box 266 Acme, Alberta TOM 0A0. We will be happy to respond.

PIC is a family owned, private company with more than 25 years of experience in pig production and is based in Acme, Alberta.

Innisfail Auction Market report

Market report for January 15, 1997. 740 head.

STEER CALVES:

250 - 350 lb. average .65 - .88 300 - 400 lb. average .85 - .95

per lb. 400 - 500 lb, average .85 - .9975

per lb. 500 - 600 lb. average .86 - .98

HEIFER CALVES:

400 - 500 lb. average .70 - .89 500 - 600 lb. average .75 - .87

600 - 800 lb. average .78 - .85

YEARLING STEERS:

600 - 700 lb. average .80 - .88 per lb. 700 - 750 lb. average .75 - .86

per lb. 800 - 850 lb. average .80 - .85

900 - 950 lb. average .75 - .84 per lb

950 - 1,010 lb. average .75 - .81

YEARLING HEIFERS:

700 - 8000 lb. average .75 - .81

FEEDER COWS .33 - .46 per lb. BUTCHER COWS:

.32 - .42 per lb.

BULLS: .38 - .45 per lb. HIGHLIGHTS:

Todd and Bill Stevenett of Innisfail sold: Steers average 505 lb. at .9975; Steers average 536 lb. at .9800; Heifers average 584 lb. at .8500; Heifers average 418 lb. at .8800.

Tony Veldkamp of Stauffer sold: Steers average 614 lb. at .9600; Heifers average 568 lb. at .8900; Heifers average 762 lb. at

Dan Lobley of Sundre sold: Steers average 690 lb. at .9300; Steers average 639 lb. at .9600; Heifers average 565 lb. at .8600; Heifers average 518 lb. at .8700.

Bill Brannen of Blackfalds sold: Steers average 791 lb. at

Lorne Hindbo of Caroline sold: Steers average 698 lb. at .8600.

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On March 19, 1997, the Alberta Pork Congress will honor pork industry leaders through the presentation of three awards: Herds-man of the Year, Progressive Pork Producer and Pork Industry

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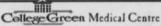
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As insects travel through the grain they enter the holes and fall to

the bottom of the section. Every couple of days pull the pipe and count the insects. You not only get an indication of numbers but where they are concentrated. If the pile is heating, insects will be found in those areas. Generally, you will find them only in the top foot.

Measuring stress objectively in sheep

Ruminant Physiologist

While stress can be measured in humans and manifests itself as increased heart rate and blood pressure, it is much more difficult to measure in farm animals. Stress in farm animals causes animal discomfort and also financial losses such as reduced growth performance and poorer quality meat. We have had initial success in our search for ways of objectively measuring stress in ruminants. The hormones Beta-endorphin and cortisol, found in the blood of sheep, each show different response patterns to different types of stress. By measuring responses of these hormones to an imposed stress, we can now identify if the stressor is physically or psychologically stressful to sheep. We can also estimate how stressful it is to them. At the Lethbridge Research Centre, we examined Beta-endorphin

and cortisol responses in lambs exposed to tail docking, castration, weaning, isolation and restraint. With financial assistance from the Farming For the Future Program of the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, we measured Beta-endorphin and cortisol in blood samples obtained before, during, and after each of these stress exposures. The results clearly show different response patterns for these hormones to different stressors, as demonstrated in the exam-ples shown in the accompanying tables.

BETA-ENDORPHIN UNITS

	0 min	15 min	30 min	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours
Castration	31	61	56	44	44	32
Weaning	24	26	25	28	22	22

CORTISOL UNITS

	0 min	15 min	30 min	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours
Castration 1.7 6.0		8.0	9.1	7.9	6.1	
Weaning	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.2	1.7	1.4

The physical stressor, surgical castration, caused a marked elevation of both hormones for several hours. By contrast, the psychological stressor, weaning, had no effect on Beta-endorphin and only slightly increased cortisol for one hour.

Tail docking within 24 hours of birth did not alter either hormone. Both isolation and restraint caused graded, short-term responses in both hormones. These results will now be used to develop stress

scores for routing practices used in sheep production systems.

We intend to determine if similar Beta-endorphin and cortisol responses occur to stress in cattle. We also plan to assess the relationship of other physiological paramaters (i.e. heart rate) to stress in sheep and cattle. Once stress can be measured accurately, best management practices can be developed to optimize animal wellbeing and allay societal concerns about farm animal welfare.

"Industry-driven" agri-food corporation formed

By Brian Hlus

Opportunities for new value added agri-food and fibre prod-ucts will get a boost from a new Alberta initiative.

"I am pleased to announce the launch of this new initiative for industry research, development and commercialization," said Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD). The establishment of a non-

profit corporation will ensure Alberta has the expertise to achieve \$10 billion in primary agriculture sales and \$20 billion in value-added business by the year 2005.

The initiative has three objec-

- strengthen development of value-added products and

technology;
- address barriers to the commercialization of innovative, new agri-food and fibre products; and,

encourage long-term growth of both the primary and process-ing sectors of agriculture.

The corporation will be industry-driven, with a strong focus on domestic and international market opportunities. An experienced and diverse founding board will be chosen to guide the new corporation for facilitating new product development, ad-

vancements in processing tech-nologies, medical/health sciences agri-products, functional foods, neutraceuticals, biotechnology and industrial and manufacturing application of primary agricultural products. The board, chaired by Dr. Terry Church, will design policy regarding the operation of the corporation. The corporation may enter into reearch agreements with companies, universities, colleges, com-modity associations and others for programs that benefit the Alberta industry. The corpora-tion will generate sustained activity through industry funding in the form of licenses, user fee oyalties and matching contributions

World demand for consumerready products has grown by 137 per cent from 1980 to 1994, while trade in bulk commodities has declined 8 per cent. Consumer-ready products require a steady supply of primary commodities grown by Alberta producers. "The closer we can bring the product to being ready for the kitchen table, the greater the economic returns to Alberta. Any industry is only as strong as the weakest link in the chain. This initiative will strengthen the link between science and enterprise," said

The corporation is an induspromotion/partnership AAFRD will enter into a \$35 million contracted service agreement with the value-added corporation. This contribution is from internal Ministry allocations. Details regarding the structure and operation of the corporation will be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with industry. Conditions of the Alberta Government participation stipulate that government funds shall not be used for grants, loans or loan guarantees to any forprofit companies

The value-added initiative complements the province's overall strategy on research and economic development. It supports the goals of the Alberta Economic Development Authority and the Alberta Science and Research

"Obtaining support and fund-ing from industry will be a key requirement for future govern-ment financial support," Paszkowski said. "I am convinced our value-added and primary product sectors will meet and even exceed performance measures, because agriculture is growing more than food, it is growing

Do you like working with small animals?

Are you interested in working with small pigs in a modern pig nursery facility?

PIC is planning to construct, in the nearby vicinity, specialized pig facilities to raise newly weaned piglets from approximately three weeks to eight or nine weeks old.

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To apply, experience in caring for pigs is not required. We are looking for people who like working with animals, and are interested in becoming part of a specialized team of people who will be excited about this opportunity.

> If you are interested, please write to PIC at Box 266 Acme, TOM 0A0, enclosing an outline of your work experience and what you would like to do.

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810 - ANNIVERSARIES

Open House for Willard and Marilyn Stauffer's 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 26, College Green Recreation Centre, 2-5 p.m. Program 3 p.m.

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820 - COMING EVENTS

ALBERTA'S SMARTFARMING Conference is Managing Agriculture for Profit '97. Red Deer, January 28 - 30. Contact Alberta Agriculture, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation or call 1-800-387-6030. awna3-4 WOODY'S '97 R.V. Show and Sale, indoors, Westerner Fairgrounds, Parkland Pavilion, Jan. 23 - Feb. 2, 10 - 9p.m., Mon. - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m., Saturday. 11 - 5 p.m., Sunday. 403-346-1130 for more information. awna2-5 PAT PARELLI Horsemanship Primary and Secondary Clinic, Apr. 28, 29, 30. May I at the Agricultural Pavilion, Olds, AB. Instructor Lee Smith. Call John Kerr 403-227-2714. awna1-4

830 - CARDS OF THANKS The family of Anna (Annie) M. Papke

would like to thank the people of the 17th Ave. cul-de-sac who were her friends and neighbours. 39-1t The family of Anna (Annie) M. Papke would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of the Didsbury Hospital for the care and attention given to our mother. A sincere thank you to Leonard Papke's family for all their support. We also wish to thank all of our friends and families for their kindness during our recent loss. A special thank you to the 5-0 Club and Royal Purple for providing the hall and lone.

The Papke family 39-1t We would like to thank Dr. Botha, the nurses and the staff at the Didsbury Hospital for the great care given to mom and new baby. Also thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and the AMA for all the wonderful gifts given to us for having the New Year's Baby. Also thank you to our babysitters that looked after our other two children.

Darcy, Pam, Andrew, Andrea and Kaitlyn Taks 39-1t

840 - OBITUARIES

Papke - Anna (Annie) M. Papke was born September 2, 1917 and passed away on January 11, 1997 at the age of 79 years. She is survived by her children Marjorie (Bruce) Nichol of Invermere, B.C., Clarence (Carol) Fenton of Calgary, AB, Larry (Marie) Papke of St. Albert, AB. Annie is predeceased by one sister, Pauline D. and one brother, George D. and survived by one sister, Mary, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held on January 18, 1997 at 2 p.m.at e 5-0 Club in Didsbury with Reverend Malcolm Profitt officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Didsbury Hospital. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

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Hornberger - Evelyn Hornberger of Didsbury passed away peacefully on Janu ary 14, 1997. She is survived by her husband Douglas Gerry, brothers Wayne and Brian and their respective families, three daughters and six grandchildren. If families wish memorial donations may be made to Legion Poppy Fund. A memorial service was held at the Mountain View Funeral Chapel Didsbury, Saturday, Janu ary 18, 1997 at 11 a.m. Rev. Malcolm Profitt officiated. Mountain View Funeral Chapels entrusted with arrange

850 - IN MEMORIAMS

Underhay, Jack - In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather, who passed away January 22, 1994.

"All sentimental days that pass bring back to memory So many fond and cherished thoughts of days that used to be The loving things you always did, your understanding too. And all our happy times at home that centered around you. It is said, time heals all sorrow and helps one forget,

But time so far only lets us know how very much we miss you yet. Fondly loved and always remembered, your wife Myra, daughter Joyce, son-in-law Ed and grandchildren David, Darryl, Vicki, Joy and Greg. 39-1t In loving memory of Stephen Joshua

Rasmussen, January 22, 1991. These little souls they go and they do not tell us why,

Today there are flowers blooming. You are invited to notice them.

Today there are birds singing. You are invited to listen to them.

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By Brian Hlus

Agriculture and Agri-Food will distribute fifty million dollars to Alberta farmland owners who were not covered under the Western Grain Transition Payments Program (WGTPP), said Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AAFRD), today. The supplementary payment is part of the special bilateral agreement signed by Alberta and the federal government.

More than 90,000 applications were mailed to provincial farmlast week. They were sent to landowners who had acreage which was ineligible under the

\$1.6 billion WGTPP instituted by the federal government to sof-ten the blow of the end of the 100year Crow rail freight subsidy in

"Alberta will be responsible for design and delivery of the \$50 million Arable Acres Supplementary Payment Program (AASPP)," said Paszkowski. "I am pleased that many Alberta farmers who were not eligible for the federal Crow Benefit payout will now re-ceive funds for all their cultivated

The 90,000 AASPP applications were mailed to the owners of arable Alberta land as of Feb ruary 27, 1995, according to municipal tax rolls, and who have

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cultivated land that was not covered under the WGTPP. One group of landowners in the mailout are those who did not return their WGTPP applications because they did not grow any eligible crops in 1994. The other group are those who, on their returned forms, said they had tame hay, forage, pasture, horticultural crops or other arable acres that were ineligible under the WGTPP

AASPP applications were pre-

printed with landowners' names, addresses and legal land locations. Completed applications, signed by landowners, postmarked no later than February 14, 1997, to be eligible for the additional payout. A minimum of 10 eligible arable acres are re-quired per application.

Additional information or ap plications may be obtained by tel-ephoning the Arable Acres Administration office at 1-800-422-

Alberta seeks federal approval to issue cheques

By Brian Hlus

Alberta is seeking federal ap-Insurance Plan (GRIP) premiums to producers. The Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) is notifying the federal government of Alberta's intention to return the producer portion of its GRIP surplus to farmers. Pending federal approval, cheques should reach farmers after final 1995 GRIP payments are made in January.

"Every farmer who put a nickel into GRIP is eligible for this re-fund," said Walter Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "This is their money. I am pleased the GRIP fund is in a surplus position as we close the books on that program." Paszkowski noted that producers whose accounts are not current with AFSC will have their bills deducted from the refund cheques.

The producer's share of the GRIP surplus is approximately \$20 million, representing their share of the difference between premiums paid into the program and claims paid out of it, over the life of the program. Each cheque will reflect the farmer's share of premiums contributed to the program. Approximately 24,000 pro-ducers are eligible to receive

GRIP premiums were split among the federal government, the provincial government and the producer. The premium cost split was 33 1/3 per cent paid by producers; 25 per cent paid by the province; and 41.7 per cent paid by the federal government. Both levels of government, federal and provincial, will also receive a portion of the surplus, representing their share of premiums contributed to the program. Alberta's share is an estimated \$16 million.

"The province's portion of the GRIP surplus will stay in agriculture," said Paszkowski. "The funds will be allocated to our agriculture safety net package, which includes our new value-added initiative, strengthening crop insur-ance and the Farm Income Disas-

ter Program."
GRIP was introduced in 1991 and was designed to stabilize farmers' incomes by protecting the yield and price of eligible crops. The program ended in 1995, and final payments for the 1995 crop will be made in January

Sports and entertainment

annual Didsbury senior bonspiel



Didsbury Seniors Open Bonspiel - what a great week Thirty-six teams from Sundre, Olds, Innisfail, Carstairs, Calgary, Cremona and Didsbury were all welcomed by Marge when the banquet for 170 people was held Tuesday at noon. Councillor Vance van Dam, on behalf of Mayor Lea and the Town certainly made everyone feel at home and the blessing was in the very capable hands of Leonard Neufeld.

What great curling all week long. Extra end games and measurements, seven points scored in one end and the long road back, six points scored in one end, but still all ended up being very close games.

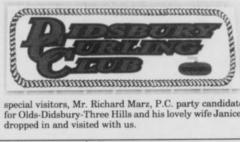
And the winners were:

 Hugo Widmer - Olds; Skip Garrett Funkhouser, third Bill Allan, second Hugo Widmer, lead George Terry; 2. Art Wiebe, Innisfail; 3. Albert Frick, Sundre; 4. Lyle Craven - Didsbury with Elmer Israelson, Fred Notley and Margaret Malloch.

 George Bramley - Didsbury with Dean Dahl at third,
Julie McTavish at second and Isolbelle Johnston at lead; Holgar Christiansen, Calgary;
 Owen Clouston,
 Didsbury with Molly Howden, Rose Gourley and Frank
 Neufeld;
 Gordie Luft, Didsbury with Laura Krebs, Neil Youngs and Irene Collinge.

CEVENT 1. Aksel Pederson - Olds; 2. Roy Cummings - Cremona (Audrey Turner, skip); 3. Howard Krebs, Didsbury with Bev Wilson, Lucy Newsome and Virginia Thomas; 4. Mike Kosik, Olds.

It was a great week for everyone. We had



special visitors, Mr. Richard Marz, P.C. party candidate for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills and his lovely wife Janice,



A EVENT WINNERS - OLDS Skip Garrett Funkhouser, third Bill Allan, second Hugo Widmer, lead

happenings

construction of our waterslide and its official opening, the Aquatic Centre doors remain open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to

accept program regis trations and answer any enquiries regarding our programs, schedule or rentals. After school swim-minglessons, first aid courses, a Water Safety Instructor course, a National Lifeguard course, CPR courses, a Junior Lifeguard pro-

gram, and more, are all available for registration. ses begin as early as Febru-

New to our winter schedule is

a synchronized swimming program! We are indeed fortunate to have "landed" a very capable, energetic and enthusiastic synchro coach who will be coordinating

and instructing this program. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Four complimentary introductory classes will be offered and, should you be interested in getting involved in synchronized swimming, you can register in any two of these four free classes. The

classes can be registered in for February 18, 20, 25, or 27 and they, as well, run from 6-7 p.m. Interested candidates are required to have a minimum Maroon or AquaQuest Level 5 award or swimming ability. There is no minimum or maximum age restriction - all ages are welcome to participate. To register or should you require further information please drop into the aquatic center or call us at 335-7369.

DAC Winter/Spring schedules can be picked up at the aquatic center or in the Memorial Complex lobby. All program and schedule informa-tion up until June is included

on these schedules.

The Waterslide Grand Opening events will be taking place from February 14-17. Mark these dates on your calendar and continue to watch for Grand Opening



sat on the end of their seats in witnessing perhaps the most exciting AJHL All Star Game in recent history, held Satur-day evening at the Olds Sports Complex.

And when the final buzzer sounded the Northern all stars skated away with a 9 to 8 victory over the favorite Southern all stars.

During the game, the reprethe sentatives from the Olds Grizzlys played extremely well, contributing to both ledgers of the game, offensively and defensively.

On the offense, Scott McKee dented the twine once, while Jim Lawrence pitched in with Richard Latimer was named as the game's best rearguard.

Grizzly president Bob Clark indicated the Grizzly players were commendable on

the ice, and Griz-zly officials were proud of their performance.

In commenting about the game, Clark said, "From all indications, this All Star game was probably the best

in recent years."

Clark was also pleased with the support shown not

only to the game itself but also to the All Star banquet held at the Olds Legion on Saturday afternoon.

Barry

"All in all, it was a tremen-

While the players enjoyed the activity on the ice, team officials were huddled in league meetings. Within the agenda, Camrose was accepted into the league, while the application by Brooks and Fort St. John were turned down. Also, the Bow Valley Eagles organization was awarded the honor of hosting the 1999 Royal Bank Cup emblamatic of Junior A hockey supremecy in Canada. The Olds Grizzlys also submitted an application to host the annual tournament, but were turned down.
"Naturally the Grizzly or-

ganization is disappointed we were turned down in hosting the Royal Bank Cup, but we will support Bow Valley and assist them in any way," concluded Clark.



B EVENT WINNERS - DIDSBURY Skip George Bramley, third Dean Dahl, second Julie McTavish, lead



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DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY

Didsbury Novice #2 Huskies keep busy

The Novice #2 Huskies were kept very busy over the holidays playing three league games and

entering a tournament in Airdrie. The team played Olds #4 and with some great passing plays from Travis, Cordell and Josh and with the hustle of Jay, Alex and Eric the Huskies won 12-1.

Next the boys came up against very tough Carstairs #2 team. With the Huskies losing 4-1 after the second, Riley, Brad and Corey came out strong in the third. The final score was 4-3 for Carstairs.

The third league game was against the Didsbury Novice #3 Cougars. This was a very exciting game for both players and spectators. Jordan did a great job in net. Matt, Josh and Riley showed some great offensive drives, while Daniel, Travis and Corey displayed

some great backchecking. The Huskies came out on top 8-6.

The Didsbury Huskies were placed in the "B" division in the Airdrie tournament. With the help of Adam Larsen, Robbie Leiper, and Danny Miller the team played some awesome hockey. Although the boys didn't win any games during the tournament they came close to Red Deer losing 8-7. The team gained some valuable experience playing at a higher level of hockey

The boys also enjoyed a fun day of toboganning and weiner roast out at Daniel Forestell's place. As well the team enjoyed a trip to the Calgary Flames game which was sponsored by Mobil Oil. Keep up the good work and enjoy the rest of the season boys!

Pee Wee tourney success

By Robert Magee

The Pee Wee A and C's hosted their annual home tournament this past weekend. Both Didsbury teams won the "C" event in the tournament.

The Pee Wee C's kicked off the tournament with a heartbreaking loss to Olds. Didsbury who were up 6-1 at the end of two periods collapsed in the final 20 minutes giving up seven goals in an 8-7 loss. Ian Brander had a hat trick for the Ramblers, while Tom Black, Greg Overguard, and Stephen McMullen supplied the rest of the scoring. Didsbury came out strong defensively Saturday afternoon against Hanna. What a tight game this was. Only one goal was scored during the whole game. Unfortunately it was Hanna who got it. Our guys played their hearts out, but could not get one by the Hanna goaltenders. On the bright side, everyone played well defensively, and Kyle Christensen blocked 33 shots, many of them very difficult stops.

The best game was yet to take place however. Early Sunday morning (and I mean early) we were set to face off against Cochrane for the "C" event. After two periods of play the Ramblers found themselves down 2-0. But every single member of the hockey club was really confident and ready to come back and win the game. I knew our guys could come together and win that game, and I told Marlene Black, and Marianne Dawson "not to worry, we will win it.

It took about nine minutes before Ian Brander got us on the board. McMullen, and Tommy Morgan got the assists. About five minutes later Brander scored his second goal, again assisted by McMullen and Morgan.

The Ramblers totally domi-

nated the third period, out-shooting Cochrane by a 2-1 ratio. There were only a few minutes remain-ing when Mike Kohut scored the with a rebound over the goalie. Black and Overguard got the assists.

With only two minutes left, Mason Warren was sent to the penalty box leaving us short handed. However our defence v rock solid as Ryan Martens, Todd Hnatiuk, Matt Tuggle, Ryan Hurst and Tommy Morgan played their best hockey ever. (Although half the team were in the penalty box with a few seconds to go). And as the buzzer went, signaling the end of the game, our players, coaches included, ran onto the ice to tackle Kyle Christnsen and congratulate one another.

All in all the kids had a great time, and everything went smoothly throughout the week-The efforts of the parents and volunteers cannot go unmentioned as keys to the successful organization of this tournament. Special mention goes to Jody Dawson and Tom Black, who sold me my winning 50/50 ticket. After spending half of my money on pop for the kids, it was nice to even again. I can't wait until next year.

Huskies win Novice #2

For the second time this sea son the Didsbury Huskies won an "A" final

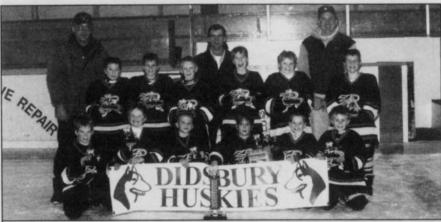
Saturday morning the boys travelled to Bowden for a tourna-

The Huskies came up against Bowden first. Didsbury displayed some perfect passing and great defence which was reflected in an 11-3 win.

The second game was played against Innisfail. Jordan Neufeld played awesome in net. Didsbury found themselves up 2-0 after the first and 5-1 after the second. The third period was played very defensively by both teams. With neither team scoring the Huskies won 5-1, placing them in the "A'

The "A" final had Didsbury facing off against the Carstairs Kings #1 team. Once again Jordan was outstanding in net. The first period was end to end action ending with Carstairs ahead 1-0. The same pace continued into the second, with a few more offensive drives the second period ended 3-2 for Carstairs. The whole team gave a 100 per cent effort in the third. With Didsbury scoring the only goal the third ended in a 3-3 tie. The overtime period was played with five minutes on the clock, both goalies were pulled, Didsbury had Josh, Riley, Brad, Corey, and Matt out on the ice. After four minutes of intense play one player was pulled from both teams. The remaining players skated with a lot of heart and kept the pressure on Carstairs. Finally with both teams down to three players Didsbury popped the winning goal in. This was by far the most exciting game of this season with a lot of parents losing their voices cheering the boys on. Congratulations Huskies!

final



Coaches: Don Edwards, Bruce Robertson, Colin McEwan. Back row: Daniel Forestell, Corey McEwan, Alex Moebis, Erik Johnson, Jay Keating, Jordan Neufeld. Front row: Brad Edwards, Travis Dietrich, Josh Robertson, Matt Collinge, Cordell Wilshusen, Riley Edwards.

Cougars hockey report

The Cougars had a busy weekend of hockey, as they participated in an eight team Novice tournament held in Torrington that started on Friday, January 17 and ended up with the finals held on Sun-

day, January 19.

The first game was against the Three Hills Chiefs. It was a fast paced game with end to end play from both teams, however, the Cougars were not able to stop some strong offensive play from the opposition, with the game ending in a 14-7 loss for the Cou-gars. From there they moved to the B side, where they took on the home team, the Torrington Tornodos. This time it was the Cougars turn to put the puck home, with strong offensive play from Robbie Leiper. Our defensemen also made it difficult for the Tornados to set up and complete some plays, with the game ending in our first win of the tournament, advancing the Cougars to the B Final.

The B Final saw the Cougars up against the Hanna Blades. Excellent goaltending, by Miles Bognar was a strong factor in the team's success, as he was on top of his game, coming up with some superb saves to help shut down Blades offense. Matt Davis Hall once again showed players and spectators what "putting out" in hockey is all about, as he never quit, executing and setting up

plays, working hard every shift. The Cougars ended up the win-ners of the B side Final, proud to take home the team trophy, after three days of well played hockey! Congratulations for a job well

Tykes Didsbury

Didsbury Tykes 1 were at it again at the Sundre tournament the weekend of the 11th winning all three of their games. This past weekend took us to Cremona for a league game which started off with a bang when Clayton Lowther scored early in the first period, followed by Keenan Christensen scoring two goals, Mike Arnold scoring two goals and David Dowell scoring one goal. Zak Belitsky played great net with only two goals sneaking by him for a score of 6-2 at the end of the first.

The second period was absolute non-stop action with three goals going to Dakota Uhrich, three goals to Mike Arnold, two goals to Keenan Christnsen and two goals to Ryan Miller. The boys got to relax with such a great lead in the third period. David Dowell played net and two goals were scored by Ryan Miller for a final score of 18-8. Way to go guys! Next game is at home on the 25th at 9:45.

Ice Schedule

Saturday, January 25 9:45 - 11:15 - Tyke #1 vs. Olds #2 11:30 - 1:00 - Novice #1 vs. Novice #2 1:15 - 3:15 - Atom "A" vs. Innisfail 3:30 - 5:30 - Pee Wee "B" 5:45 - 7:45 - Bantam "A" vs. Okotoks

Sunday, January 26 9:15 - 11:15 - Bantam "A" vs. Calgary 1:45 - 3:45 - Midget

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Alberta Junior Hockey League Standings

Compiled January 19, 1997

	GP	W	L	SOL	GF	GA	PTS	
Calgary Canucks	43	26	12	5	183	138	57	
St. Albert Saints	44	26	15	3	166	162	55	
Fort McMurray Oil Barons	43	25	15	3	178	133	53	
Bow Valley Eagles	41	25	14	2	161	156	52	
Sherwood Park Crusaders	45	24	18	3	170	175	51	
Olds Grizzlys	42	23	16	3	182	157	49	
Grande Prairie Storm	44	22	18	4	168	153	48	
Bonnyville Pontiacs	44	20	21	3	177	202	43	AM
Lloydminster Blazers	42	17	25	0	147	196	34	d
Fort Saskatchewan Traders	43	16	25	2	171	177	34	Town
Calgary Royals	43	13	29	1	129	183	27	PV
NOTE: One point awarded to the	shoot-ou	t loser	. (SO/I	(2)				



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Didsbury Minor Hockey

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By Don Wygiera The Didsbury Tyke #2 Wildcats continued playing exciting hockey as they hosted a tough Carstairs #1 team last weekend.

The Wildcats came out strong as Colby Drysedale opened the scoring just one minute into the game on a pretty passing play from Jan Milne and Randy Hunter. Carstairs scored twice before

Jan Milne took a Colby Dryesdale pass and put it up and over a sprawling Carstairs goalie.

Both teams traded singles in the second period. Jeff Choquette scored on a nice tic-tac-toe pass from Shane Logan and Colby

Dryesdale.
With just seven skaters, the Wildcats played hard and never gave up, but ran out of steam in gave up, but ran out of steam in the third period. Although outshot 30-13, Didsbury netminder Jesse Wygiera was awesome and held the score close. Didsbury sat back for the first half of the third period, and Carstairs scored three before Jan

Milne put his own rebound, un-assisted, behind the Carstairs goalie.

Shane Logan launched a late third period comeback, scoring two goals, but it wasn't enough as Carstairs went on to win 9-6. As-sisting on Shane's goals were Colby Dryesdale, Jan Milne, Brayden Hopfe and Landon Gole. The Wildcats play next week-

end in Cremona. Go get them guys and good luck!



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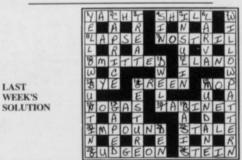
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small anchor
- 4. Affluent
- 8. Outstrip
- 9. Unsuccessful
- 10. News
- 12. Mountain nymphs 13. Between
- 14. Boston airport
- 15. Wrestler's victory
- 16. Relative
- 18. Superficial 20. Abigail
- 22. Contort
- 23. Burned

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Stealers
- 2 Settled
- 3. Female name
- 4. Murder (slang)
- 5. Constellation Monoceros
- 6. Develop
- 7. Just making it (2 words) 11. Wise men
- 14. These islands must be sheltered
- 15. Fortune-teller 17. Ms. Jong
- 19. Performed in a theatre
- 21. When put on, it ends the matter

SOLUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER









Ongoing events

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. 12:20 p.m. tfn

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Car-stairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Teri).

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Betty at 335-3994 or Vivian at 335-3730.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday at 8:30 p.m. in EV Church, next to Post Office, Didsbury. More info. 337-2622 tfn TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Li-brary: Hours Tuesdays and Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement. Large selection of toys. More info. call Susan at 335-8540.

Beaver's Monday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome. tfn
KING HIRAM LODGE MEETING

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250. tfn

O.E.S MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.tfn HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Won'tyou join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome, newcomers to town come and get acquainted. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always wel-come. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 -21st Ave. For more info. call 335-

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

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MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540. tfn

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GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Olds Gamblers Anonymous, 5022 52nd St., basement, Wednesday, 7-9
p.m. Open meetings, first Wednesday of every month.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. tnf

SUNDRE

Alcoholics Anonymous Wednes-days, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the base-ment of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Sundre United Church basement. Wednesday 8 p.m. More info 638-3277

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